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PRIDE

Valhalla
'86

Cover:

Senior Vince Zost tests chemicals for a chemistry lab. Foreign exchange student Bård Reian from Norway loads a program in computer math class. Senior Gilbert Granado explains a drafting concept to classmate Senior Johnny Puertes. After a tough game, Juniors Paul Chouffet, James Hux and Seniors Jeff Ward, Kirk Burgess and Jay Beavers celebrate a victory. At the bonfire, Sophomore Charles Bean join in the Homecoming celebration. PELE members Juniors Tiffany Sample and Lynn Woffenden await the beginning of the Homecoming parade. Freshman Debbie Walker tries to catch up with her friends before the 8:30 bell. Chad Windham, Steve Mashman and Erikalyn Ellis photos.

Below:

Each dance fever takes hold of Sophomores Kimberly Bennet and Lisa Chesser. Helping prepare for the National Honor Society Christmas dance, Juniors Clint Gage and Clint Parsons hang snowflakes. Head football coach Mike Farda and assistant coach Milton Watson yell from the sidelines. An elementary student was one of 82 children that were given a special Christmas by homeroom classes. Coach Rebecca Housden looks over Junior Robert Jordan's art project. Juniors Dorie Brady and Allana Moore watch fellow classmates play football at the Junior class picnic. Shannon Woodson, Candy Smilie, Chad Windham, and Andrea Mandley photos.



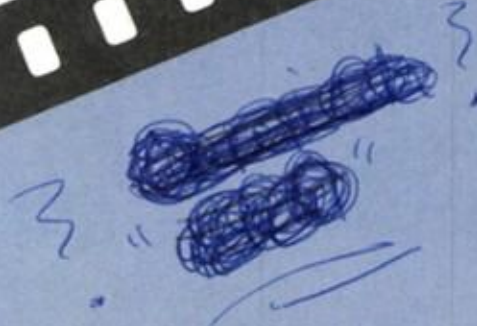
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Texans but a
turning point
for the class of
'86. Seniors
Jenny Suk,
David Kim and
Misty Rogers
celebrate their
pride in their
class as well as
their state's
heritage. Gary
Schepf photo.

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Before and after school students head to the L&M across the street to satisfy urges for a Coke or candy bar. Sophomore Angela Boone buys a snack to curb her hunger pangs while waiting for her ride home. **Steve Mashman photo.**

As Seniors Jim Sharp and Marlene Money make their way from the parking lot they discuss their weekend plans. Some students found it difficult to get to school on time since the 7:30 class was added. **Erikalyn Ellis photo.**

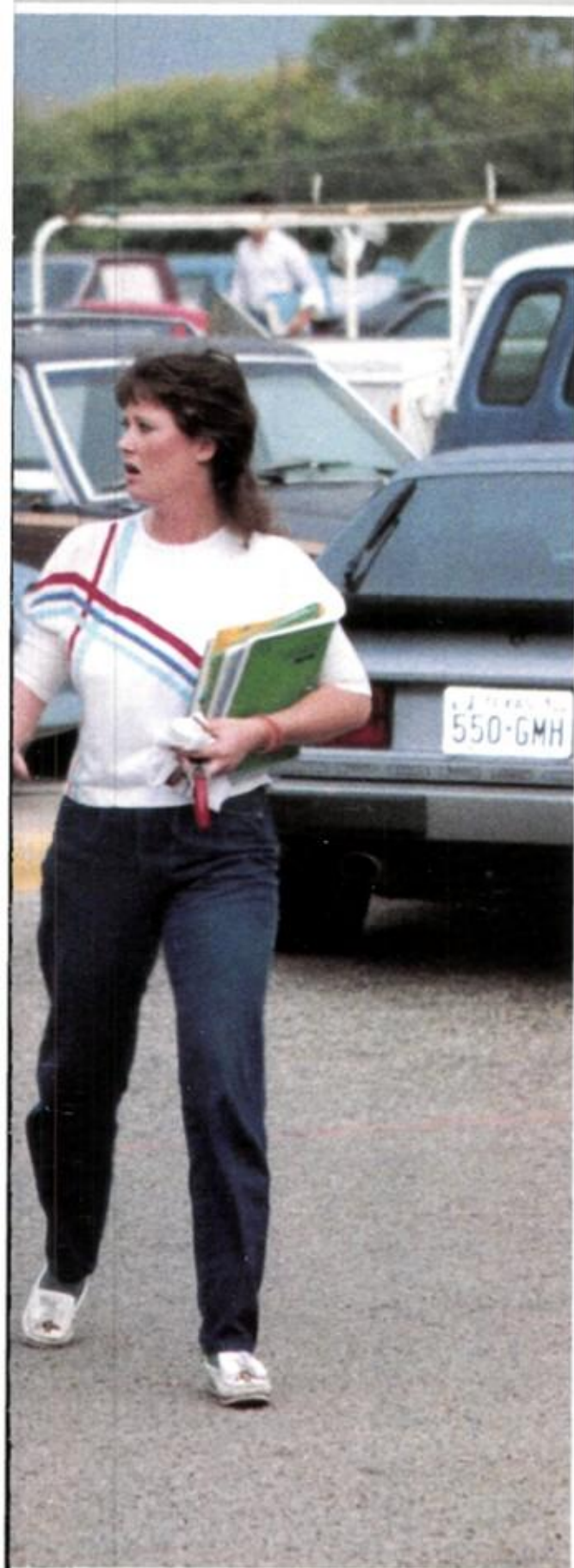


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"Nimitz has been the underdog for so long. It's like 'Rocky III' — the eye of the tiger — we are the hungriest. We have so much more to shoot for."

Senior Denise Garcia

In addition to juggling school and homework, Sophomore Michelle Taylor looks for a part-time job among the prospects posted by counselors. Staying after school was often a part of Junior Jeff Morgan's day as he calls his family to tell of his plans. Freshman Dockchank Xayasith hurriedly gets her books in order to make it on time to her next class. **Steve Mashman photos.**



Proud? You bet!

What is Pride? If we can recognize pride, then we can understand what it is to be a part of the Nimitz family. We know that it is winning games, cheering for ourselves even when we are the underdog, a regional berth in the Academic Decathlon, National Merit finalists, the best new library in the school district and the real grit that makes us never give in.

The old saying goes that actions speak louder than words, and this year we've been telling everyone our story loud and strong. What is Pride? It is the involvement of groups and teams to make a name for our school.

Numbers make our school big and keep us growing, but it is the individuals that make us what we are and give us a confidence in ourselves and an acceptance of who and what we are — the bookworm sitting in the library reviewing calculus notes — Miss Congeniality prancing down the hall saying hi to everyone she sees — the punker with the bleached-out jeans and spiked, two-toned hair bouncing to the rhythm of a song that only he can hear — the jock, swaggering with confidence, books propped on his hip — the girl nursing her first crush by writing his name over and over and over on her books. They are all Nimitz High School, our pride and our spirit and our soul.

Proud? You bet!



Anticipation

Believe it or not, some days we would rather be at school than anywhere else. We were filled with anticipation as we woke up without hitting the snooze button knowing that Homecoming or Adopt-A-Child parties were waiting for us at school.

As the Homecoming festivities neared rain threatened moving the evening pep rally into the gym without the traditional lighting of the V bonfire. However, the weather cleared up and everything went as scheduled. At the Homecoming parade on Saturday morning, long rows of cars filled with clubs and teams told the story of Homecoming through the years.

The night found couples dressed in their finest — braving the weather to support the Vikings' victory over South Grand Prairie Warriors 12-7.

Pride became obvious as the Student Council sponsored the Christmas Adopt-A-Child program. Tin cans bearing a child's name were passed around homerooms to collect money. The money collected went to make a special Christmas for an elementary child. All classes generously gave in order to buy that dream toy for their boy or girl. Whether it was a Cabbage Patch doll or a bike, homerooms played Santa Claus to 82 children.

School dances livened up the nights with themes of beach parties and street dances. Many clubs and classes used dances as a successful fund raising promotion and as an excuse for fun.

It is true that some days were better than others, but when those special days did come, it was a group effort to show as much pride and TLC as we possibly could for our school or others.



Homeroom classes played Santa to many elementary students. Domingo Garcia from John Haley Elementary opens a gift from the **Sword and Shield** staff as Junior Drew Erban watches during the Adopt-A-Child parties. **Carrie Skeen photo.**

Sophomores Sylvia Rodriguez, Wendy Senkyrik and Amy Walker take a break between songs at the sophomore sponsored dance. The sophomores chose "Dancing in the Streets" as their theme. Classes and organizations sponsored dances to raise money throughout the year. **Albert Dirla photo.**





Although almost rained out, the bonfire blazes during Homecoming. Principal Arlen Cray and Senior sponsor Gary Schepf jitterbug with Vikas at the Duncanville pep rally. Juniors Steven Warner and Keith Burris ride the basketball team's float while Seniors Kelli Applegate, Maria Elizondo and Joey Uzzle wave during the Homecoming parade. Gary Schepf, Carrie Skeen, Chad Windham photos.

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"Every student and teacher has something to contribute, and when all those talents, sports and academics come together it shows what Nimitz is all about."

Freshman Heather Garrison

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Trying to get a head start on the year, Seniors Daniel Kirby and Wade Raper paint the Western Hills sign during Labor Day. Gary Schepf photo.

After their trip to see the glowing grave in Springtown, Seniors Maria Elizondo, Melinda Jones, Donna Mason, Bard Reian, Darrell Ingram and David Kim create their own ghostly images at the Mandalay canals at Las Colinas. Gary Schepf photo.



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"We worked hard to try to make the play something to be proud of, but we also made it a lot of fun. It was a constant party."

Senior Kirk Seace

At dress rehearsal of the senior play "Cheaper by the Dozen," Brooke Sumrall, Chris Pierce, Karen Sutherland and Jamie Victory practice for opening night. To complete one step of the scavenger hunt, Seniors Chas Wallace, Efren Gonzales, Heath Daniels and Jerry Edgar get their picture taken on the flagpole. Senior Angie Carty does her share to earn money for the class. Gary Schepf photos.



A Year of First

Pride of the Class of 1986 spoke for itself. After three years of being a class that stood around the sidelines and let the chips fall where they may, seniors crawled out of the woodwork and created the most individual and wildest class Nimitz had seen in a long time.

Nearly every activity promoted by the senior class was a first for Nimitz High School. The Fifth Quarter was a time for seniors to get together after an out of town football game to celebrate. A scavenger hunt, senior show, and "Midnight Madness" hunt gave the seniors a break from the ordinary school week. Senior Aid was a project that was put together to raise money for prom. Seniors with musical talent entertained for three hours while their audience danced on the floor of the spectator gym.

Although the senior class added new activities, they had to deal with many changes. Unlike the past, the class was not granted a senior week, no exemptions from finals were given. Though traditions were missed, the class compensated by making some new traditions of their own ending with a Hawaiian prom theme and a first-ever senior trip to Hawaii.

The Class of 1986 was the first to do many new things. Some benefited them academically and some interrupted the school routine and let them break loose. The new traditions created by seniors will be left for many senior classes to come.



We'll Thank Them

We know the feeling when we turn in that ultimate research paper, when we make a 71 on an algebra test, when our program runs, when our boss compliments us on a job well done, when we look over a test realizing we know all the answers. We have all experienced the tremendous feeling we get when we overcome the obstacles that we thought would beat us.

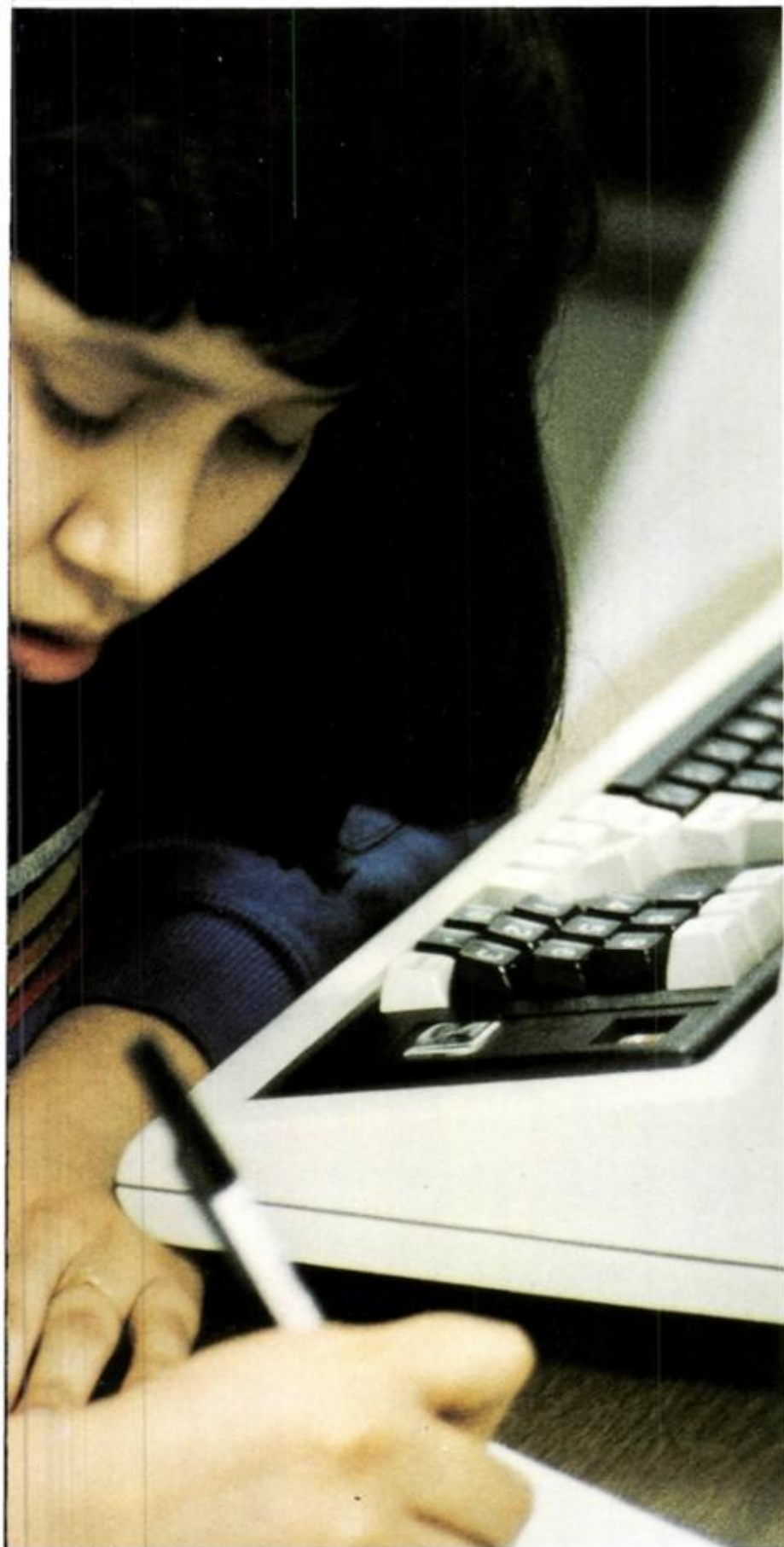
We have all heard the saying "You will thank me later," and through the years we have learned there is truth behind this. It becomes evident when gerunds and particles and proofs and theorems start to make sense.

A feeling of accomplishment was not only felt by the 96% of the junior class who passed the TEAMS test, by the 62 students who were inducted into the National Honor Society but by all of us — students and faculty.

Our academic excellence was enhanced by a curriculum that allowed students to pursue their interests by enabling them to take such courses as computer math, woodshop, homemaking and drafting.

Whether it was being proud of ourselves or others, students and faculty took pride in academics.





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Many students took advantage of the computer classes offered even though they were not part of the required curriculum. Senior Diana Puentes writes her program prior to trying it out on the computer. **Gary Schepf photo.**

Being a member of the National Honor Society was an honor many students took pride in. Principal Arlen Cray congratulates Senior Chuck Holle at the National Honor Society induction. **Gary Schepf photo.**



Research was a skill Sophomore Gloretha Kilson learned in English. Junior Jimmy Williams works cautiously to perfect a drafting assignment. After completing his assignments Freshman Danny Almanza takes a quick nap. Pinning her dress pattern Sophomore Sherri Phillips learns a basic of sewing. **Steve Mashman photos.**

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"The faculty and my parents give me helpful pressure. I don't mind being pushed. They are behind me and want the best for me."

Freshman John Kim



A Majority of Ones

Fundraisers, picnics, parties, and pep rallies helped boost the spirit of underclass students and prove their support for Nimitz.

Seniors held their usual reign, but the juniors gave them a run for their money. The seniors' enthusiasm influenced the underclassmen, but the individualism of the junior class set itself apart. The juniors sold t-shirts, sponsored a class picnic and had a bowling night; pep rallies were a perfect example of their enthusiasm. They won the spirit stick with varied themes almost more than any other class.

As the sophomores moved into their second year, they became more involved with their school and found the pride through signs and spirit boosters during the football season. As the year progressed, the class became involved with dances and fundraisers such as selling silver and blue balloons that boasted "Nimitz Vikings."

The freshmen were a major spark for motivating their upperclassmen at pep rallies. Through the use of flash cards and whistles, the class made an outstanding display of their spirit. This earned them three spirit sticks, an amazing accomplishment for a freshman class. By tradition, the upperclassmen looked upon them as "fish." At first, the name was taken as an insult, but as the year went on, it became something to be proud of. After all, the name "Fish" had been earned.

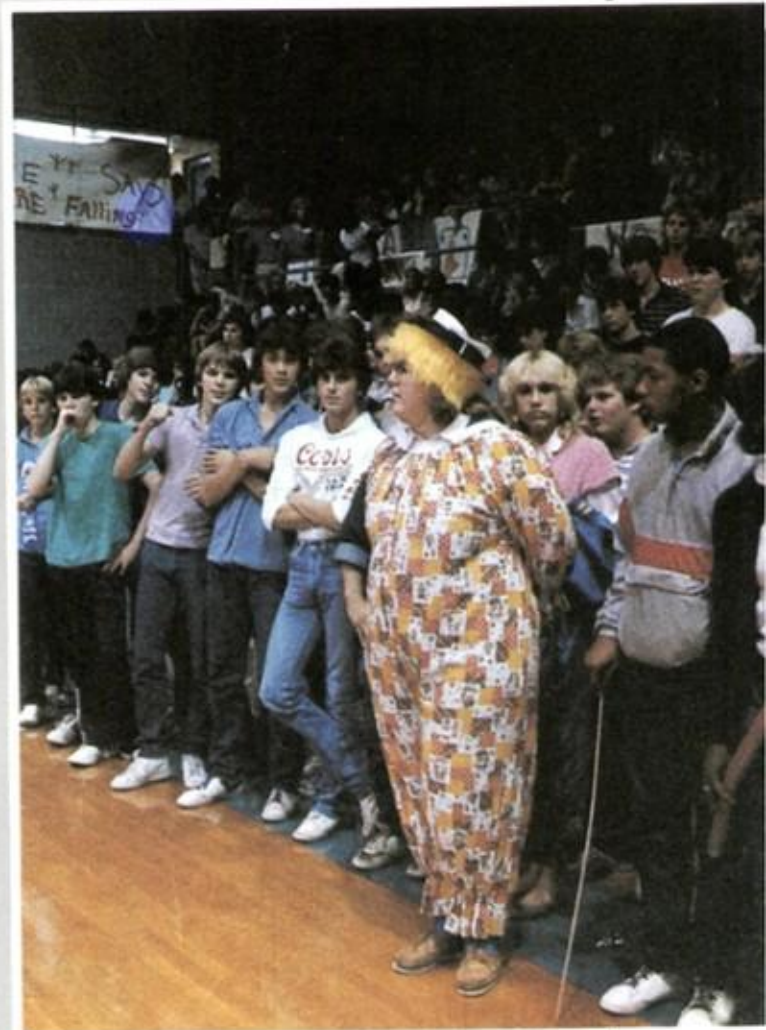
Each class was a part of Nimitz yet each class' style was as varied as the people in them.

Sophomore Maricruz Guzman gets advice from English teacher Gwen Cowan on a research project. Even though students complained about writing

a term paper, most agreed that turning it in gave them a great sense of accomplishment. **Steve Mashman photo.**

Juniors Dorie Brady and Hung Trinh join the first year Saturday morning Homecoming parade. Weekend parties offered a break from the school routine for Junior Stacey Warren and Irving High's Sophomore Kerrie Day. Freshman Richard Hunt takes advantage of some free time and reads the comics. **Chad Windham, Lara Trahan, Steve Mashman photos.**

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Theme pep rallies helped boost spirit throughout the football season. Junior class sponsor Diane Jaworski clowns around to help her juniors in the their quest for the spirit stick. **Chad Windham photo.**

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"Even though the underclassmen will always be under the seniors, we can yell just as loud when Nimitz is concerned!"

Junior Matt Cartwright

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Our Exclusive Label

Fall-Winter-Spring, we sat on the edges of our seats as our teams hustled in. They wore blue and grey uniforms with pride as they went to their starting positions, each uniform proudly stating "Nimitz Vikings" set off by a number proclaiming the uniqueness of the individual.

Athletic pride is a trait that many schools have, but ours was more than just protecting our names because our ability was representing our school.

Long hours spent in practice for that big game, meet, or match proved devotion in itself. It dealt with personal dedication from each member. Teams pulled all the individual talents that each player possessed together to try for the ultimate goal of winning.

Besides participating athletes, our supporters were the core of victories. Having a whole section cheering for a player enabled them to run harder, swing quicker, and jump farther. Athletes were not at their highest potential unless there were true Vikings on the other side of the fence letting them know they could do it.

Other school uniforms may be blue and grey but "Nimitz Vikings" is our exclusive label that was worn with our own brand of style.



Junior Clint Gage is congratulated by an Irving Tiger after the Vikings won 27-0. Although rivalries occur between the Irving schools, they support each other's victories. **Steve Mashman photo.**

Anticipation of a new season and a new school year gave Vikings something to cheer about as the varsity cheerleaders and Big Vik await the entrance of the team at the first football game of the year at Western Hills. **Gary Schepf photo.**



Before a Sidekicks' game Seniors David Mitchell, Tim Alford, Juniors Nick Elizondo and Peter Allen take on Turner in Reunion Arena. Senior Sheryl James gathers energy before a game. Standing ready against Mac, Senior Greg Ford watches a free throw. Gymnasts Junior Leeann Parma, Theresa Wright and Sophomore Terry Shoemate warm up for the parade. **Gary Schepf, Chad Windham photos.**

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"The pride we have in our school's athletics is so obvious when more of our supporters showed up at out of town games than the home team."

Senior Don Danford

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Here's Proof. The 3:30 bell rings and while some rush to their cars, others linger behind — a cheerleader stretches before perfecting her toe touch — freshmen paint the run-through sign for Friday night's football game — a senior portrays an obnoxious child in the senior play "Cheaper by the Dozen" — a homeroom class of 25 collects \$100 for an elementary child's Christmas — partygoers spend their Friday nights celebrating football victories at school dances to help raise money.

Whether we were promoting new things or old traditions we made the routine of school more livable. We gave our time to school making it better, making it more fun or maybe changing it a little. We're the ones who made school days — Student Life. We're Living Proof.

Enjoying a junior picnic, Melissa Power gets a lift from classmate Nick Elizondo. Class picnics were one activity sponsored to build stronger class bonds and to promote school spirit. Chad Windham photo.





Juniors Lois Perryman and Kenneth Wilkerson take a breather between dances. Juniors Chad Windham and Steve Warner celebrate the winning of a spirit stick. Juniors Robert Jordan and Lynn Woffenden discuss their next tactic for the spirit stick. Senior Cheryl James creates a dance step to the song "Shout". Shannon Woodson, Candy Smilie, Chad Windham photos.

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I really didn't go out and try hard to get a tan. It just sort of happened. After going out with friends during the day for about a week I got dark. Junior Danny Brosinski



Senior Darrin Kilsby takes the final turn at the Racetrack in Grand Prairie. Gary Schepf photo.

My favorite part of summer is going on vacation friends and I went on several road trips that turned into big adventures. Senior Darrell Ingram



After a day in the summer sun and dust, Senior Brian Willms washes his truck. Candy Smilie photo.

During the summer I like to meet new people outside of my school friends. That's what summer is for, to get away from school. Senior Ted Alford



Backyard swimming pools provided a court for fast-paced games of water polo for many students over the summer. the pools also served as a prime location for tanning parties.

Seniors David Kim, Jenny Suk and Wade Raper chase after Senior Misty Rogers in their bumper boats to repay her for her practical jokes. Gary Schepf photo



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azy days of nothing to do

Soap operas, vacations and summer tans are all that occupy the minds of students on summer leave

Perhaps the biggest issue of the past summer was "How can I get a tan?"

Gradually, to those who tried, a tan did come. It started to develop on one's skin during the first weeks of June from just "hanging out" during the day.

Then there were those who stayed inside watching gameshows, re-runs and soap operas until that moment came when dad (or mom) came home to a messed up use which "you didn't have time to clean," and said it was time to go on the family ski trip.

About three days late you return home with aching muscles, wrinkled skin, and worst of all ... a sunburn.

While on a class officer retreat, Senior vice-president David Mitchell takes a dive into the waters of Turner Falls State Park. The senior class officers' retreat was talked about all through the school year and recognized Ardmore, Oklahoma as a new place to be seen. Gary Schepf photo.

For three days you were getting slapped by friends, finding it difficult to take a shower and you could never

tan. So through the first half of July you laid out everyday and worked up the brownest tan. Now your social life was

still haven't had time to clean, and tells you to pack your things, the family is going on vacation to visit your great aunt in some remote corner of Alaska.

You return from the trip to find your tan has been lost to the ice, snow and your aunt's living room where you sat for two weeks soaping it up.

Your tan was gone, so you spent the last week of summer just like the first couple, watching TV, but you also cleaned the house a little.

The final Friday of your summer vacation rolled a round, when your dad came home to tell you to pack your things, "the family is going on a Labor Day ski trip at the lake." Another burn! Story by David Mitchell.



Many friends reunite over the summer through picnics at the park to keep in touch with one another. Softball games are often played after the picnics. Chad Windham photo.

find a comfortable position to sleep in.

By the end of June the burn had gone away. You could still find the dead skin which peeled off of you all over the house, and this served as that little push to tell you to go out and get a

the greatest.

Then one day around the 2nd week of August as you came in from a pool party at a friend's house with three dates lined up for the weekend (thanks to the tan), your dad comes home to a messed up house which you



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Finding an outlet for his drawings in the *Sword and Shield* gave Sophomore James Mining a chance to display his artistic talent.

Many artists give abstract titles to their work which many people can't grasp, so by giving insightful titles, the average man can grasp the creation. **Senior Kirk Seace**



As co-editor of the *Sword and Shield* Junior Belinda Mann created graphic designs never used on the school paper before.

The student body at Nimitz didn't seem to appreciate the art work so I can't very well create for people who don't care to soak it up. **Sophomore Tamera Read**



By trying a variety of media for expression, Senior Kirk Seace was able to express himself in many ways.



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rtists seek different faces

No matter what form is chosen for personal and artistic expression, the message is true and from the heart

Every school has its artists, whether they be actors and actresses, dancers, musicians, painters, poets, philosophers or sculptors.

There are many talented young people throughout the world, but what makes the "true artist" different is not easy to recognize by most. The true artist lives for the sole purpose of creating, expressing themselves and usually teaching through their creations.

Artists do not always wear dirty, paint-splotted shirts and ragged clothing, and not all artists are painters and sculptors. Musicians are artists as well as dancers and poets. There is, in fact, an art to everything that requires skill. The auto mechanic is an artist as well as the chef in a restaurant.

Art brings mixed emotions from one individual to the human race as a whole. A work of art can say so much because it

usually gives the audience many different ideas.

A work of art hardly ever expresses one solid idea or emotion so it

to think on superficial terms. So art is not for everyone.

The artists at Nimitz were often considered weird around school.

worldly matters seem to hinder the exploration of the truth.

Sophomore Tamera Read was one of Nimitz's more talented artists. She works mainly with paints and pencils. She was accepted to the Arts Magnet at Booker T. Washington High School in Dallas and no longer attends Nimitz.

She explained why she left, saying, "The student body at Nimitz didn't seem to appreciate the art work so I can't very well create for people who don't soak it up."

Senior Kirk Seace explained why some people do not appreciate some art. "Many artists," he said, "give abstract titles to their work which many people can't grasp, so by giving insightful titles, the average man can grasp the creation."

One can see that art and artists are making a statement. **Story by Chad Rueffer.**



Playing at the Senior Aid concert, Senior Andrew Aguirre shares a bit of his artistic talent with the student body. **Kevin Carr photo.**

makes the audience think and reflect. Some people consider it all to be very silly and a waste of time. Those people could be numbed by society or the world and are only able

Because they were on a different wave length, they were often shunned by many. That is what an artist can take in and toss out because an artist focuses on truth, and



Taking the stage in "Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy" as a presentation for elementary school children, drama students share their unique type of artistry through acting, costumes, and sets. **Andrea Mandley photo.**

Senior Aid, a benefit concert sponsored by and for the senior class offered many local student bands a chance to perform for their peers in a live concert setting. **Kevin Carr photo.**

The meeting for the Hawaii trip at the Anatole gave seniors the chance to finalize plans for the ultimate remedy to senioritis. Seniors Janet

Thiele, Melissa Ritter and Christie Simmons discuss their expectations of the trip. Gary Schepf photo.



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There are so many different fashions at Nimitz, that they're hard to keep up with. When you walk through the hall you see everything from punk to preppie. **Senior Aaron Rogers**



Junior Drew Erben shows how a plaid scarf can add to the look of a winter jacket and sweater.

There are so many fashions today that is hard to choose. I'm not into leather. Give me my ropers and wranglers and I'm ready for anything. **Senior Paula McRae**



Exchange student Bard Reian discovers that wearing shades inside may be cool but make it difficult to get around.

I think that the way you dress tells others about yourself. People usually use the way that you dress for their first impression of you. **Sophomore Dee Dee Drago**

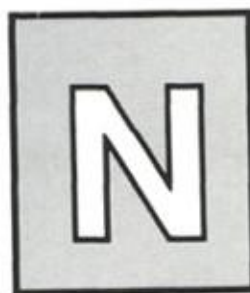
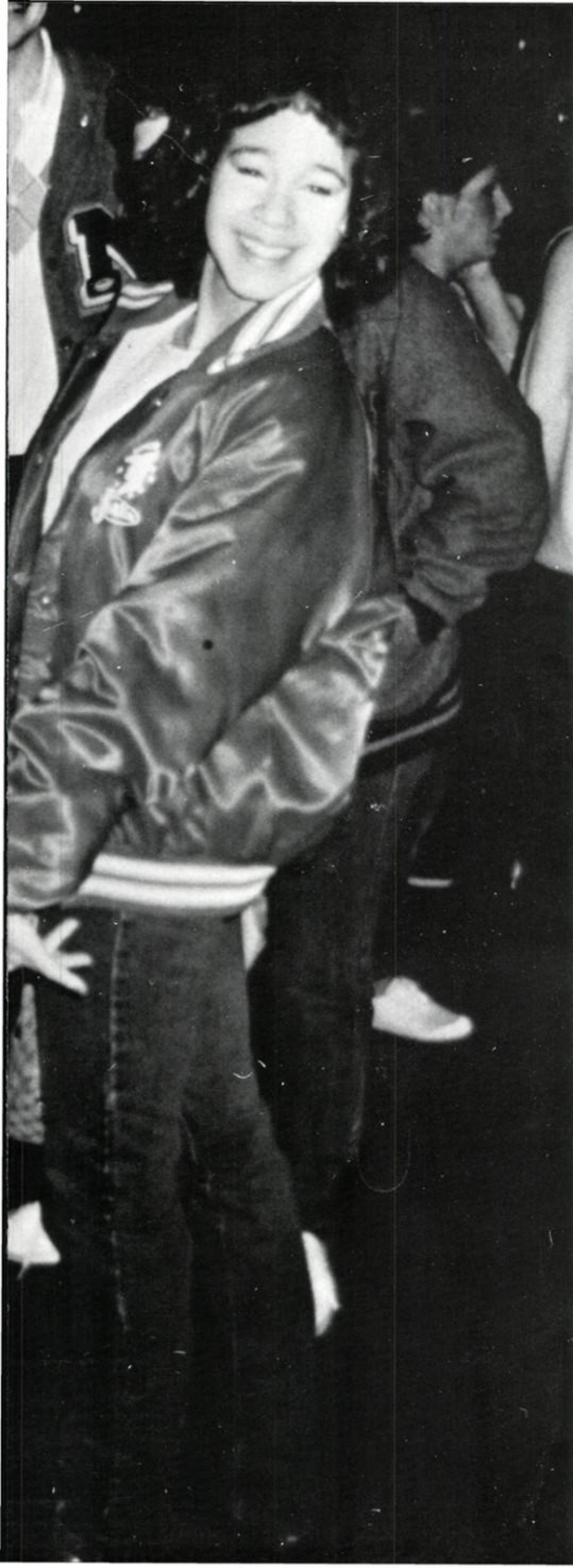
Enough Said



Although getting dressed up did not appeal to some who liked the comforts of T-shirts and blue jeans, it did appeal to others. Seniors Darrel Ingram and David Kim don their coats and ties to sell tickets for the senior play. Gary Schepf photo.

School cafeteria comes to life when it was set up for a dance. It gave students the opportunity to see friends, burn up some energy and show off their newest duds. Senior Joseph Edades strikes a quick pose as he shows his stuff on the dance floor. Gary Schepf photo.





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Fashion passion creates new diverse styles

Fashion. It's every person's decision to be conscious or unconscious. It is a decision that expresses individuality and a desire to be different.

Those who appeared to be fashion

unconscious were those who looked like the person sitting next to them. They were more often looked over, not looked at. The unconscious person wore more or less the same style over and over again.

Those who looked "dressed to kill" were the conscious ones. Wearing

the varied tasteful and fashionable designs was a must. They expressed a

willingness and desire to be their own person. They dared to be different.

Conscious or uncon-

scious, does it really matter? Just because one isn't a sharp dresser doesn't mean he doesn't have a keen mind or willingness to be different. Keeping up with what everyone else is wearing, is that really individuality? Even so, it's a daily dilemma: what to wear today. **Story by Melinda Jones.**



Senior Brent Grinnell was one of the many seniors to model in a summer fashion show at the mall. Gary Schepf photo.



One of the main highlights for the class of '86 was planning for the first senior trip to Hawaii. Conversations about the once in a lifetime opportunity became an everyday discussion among seniors. At the organizational meeting for the trip held at the Anatole, Seniors Angie Carty and Donna Mason look through the colorful Hawaiian fashions on display. Gary Schepf photo.

Being an individual meant having one's own style. Whether students wanted to present an image of a punker, a roper or a preppy, it was their own image. Senior Paula McRae proudly models her roper boots, Lee jeans and satin jacket at one of the many senior activities. Gary Schepf photo.

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eck the halls silver and blue

Students show pride by getting involved in preparations for homecoming halls, bonfire, Saturday morning parade

Silver and blue streamers decorated the once hum-drum halls as Homecoming was around the corner. Students started to get involved with the preparations for the homeroom doors, hallways and parade. Dates, reservations and other plans were made for Homecoming weekend.

"Homecoming was extra special this year because I knew it would be my last — there wouldn't be another one," Senior Kim Smith said.

The Friday night pep rally was held in the west parking lot. The lighting of the "V" signaled the start of a weekend full of activities.

"The bonfire was a great way to start off the weekend. I enjoyed seeing everybody before the

game, and it made me look forward to Homecoming even more," Senior Maria Elizondo said.

down a new route early Saturday morning.

"It was unique because the parade was held on Saturday morning. I feel

rade because it wasn't on a work day," Principal Arlen Cray said.

After the parade, the Student Council sponsored a reception for the ex-students who returned for the festivities.

"Providing a reception for the returning students was just to say we're glad they came back for the celebration," Sponsor Linda Halcomb said.

The preparations for Homecoming were the traditional way to get students, old and new, and teachers involved with their school. **Story by Lara Trahan.**



Homecoming princesses for the theme of "Viking Voyages" were Junior Sherry Ransome, Senior Joey Uzzle, Senior Maria Elizondo and Sophomore Lara Trahan. Carrie Skeen photo.

The Student Council was very supportive of the parade. The brightly decorated floats paraded

that it provided more opportunity for children, parents, and the community to view the pa-

Braving the chill, HECE members look ahead for parade watchers to throw candy to. The members of this child care organization spent two days a week at separate daycare centers pursuing careers in that field. **Steve Mashman photo.**

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Hula boy Sophomore Keith Burris has no shame about his costume for the boys' basketball float. Steve Mashman photo.

The bonfire was the perfect way to raise spirit for the football game and having the parade on Saturday morning was more convenient. Sophomore Connie Glennon



Marla Gallemore's homeroom students won first place for door decorations. Kevin Carr photo.

Having the football players and the Booster Club together was a great way to keep the Viking family in touch with the real family. Mrs. Peggy Filbeck



Pam Rawlins, VOCCT junior walks the entire parade route throwing candy to spectators. Steve Mashman photo



Although the tradition of theme decorated halls ended a few years ago, students and sponsors still participated in the silver and blue decorating. Junior sponsor Jeanette Allender supervises while juniors hang school colored crepe paper in their hall. Steve Mashman photo.

Leaders of the pack, Principal Arlen Cray proudly leads the Homecoming parade on its first Saturday morning route towards downtown Irving. The parade was a great success, and it had many spectators. "I had nothing but positive remarks about the Saturday morning parade and the students' participation," Cray said. Steve Mashman photo.

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Homecoming was great! The weather turned out really good, and I was impressed with the job the football team did. The whole evening was fun. **Senior Van Allen**



Getting the royal treatment, Senior Chas Wallace was the queen's escort. **Stephanie Mashman photo.**

*Since this was my first Homecoming, I just went with friends. We went to the football game and had a real blast. **Freshman Wendye Cobb***



Selling football programs, Junior Stephanie Mashman stops to catch a glimpse of the game. **Chad Windham photo.**

Homecoming was really fun. I think my date made a difference because it was easy to relax and have a good time without showing off. **Sophomore Erin Pickens**



Anxiously awaiting their cue from Principal Arlen Cray, crown bearers Zachary Pohl and Kristina McAlister start to feel the excitement of the announcement of Homecoming Queen. Zachary is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Pohl and Kristina is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill McAlister. **John Mowry photo.**

Waiting for their moment to walk out on the field, Sophomore Princess Lara Trahan and Junior Princess Sherry Ransome chat about the cold weather and how nervous they are about the halftime presentation. **Chad Windham photo.**



t's 'Saturday night' alive

Having Homecoming on a Saturday night was a change of pace for students, faculty, football players and the fans

It was that time of year again. Friday night football games are the highlight of the social life and Homecoming is in the air. For some it was just another game, but for others it was an evening to be celebrated.

Homecoming wasn't only for Nimitz students, it was an event that brought alumni back to their alma mater. Homecoming was shared by young and old.

"It was great to come back and see how everyone had changed. I had a blast!" Ex-student

Headed for the food, Senior Connie Stencil and her date Gary Moerbe make their way to a restaurant. Most students spent the evening going to the game, out to eat and to the dance. Chad Windham photo.

Wade Sawyer said.

At the game, the silver and blue mums plastered the stadium stands as the

coming Court was presented. Next came the announcement of the Homecoming Queen,



Smililing from ear to ear, Senior Kelli Applegate proudly leads the way off the field shortly after being crowned '85 Homecoming Queen. Steve Mashman photo.

fans cheered the team on to victory. During halftime the Senior Vikas performed as the Home-

Senior Kelli Applegate.

"It was a real honor to be Queen and it's something I can re-

member for the rest of my life," Applegate said.

Though the evening was quite chilly, it didn't seem to bother the fans. Most enjoyed sharing it with their friends. Many couples went to the game, dinner, and the dance with others.

"I took my dad's van and two other couples rode with us to Baby Doe's. Being with other people was more exciting because there were more people to talk to and no one had to feel weird being all dressed up with a bunch of noisy mums on," Junior Gene Morisak said.

Homecoming made Saturday night come alive. **Story by Laura Trahan.**





Working 5-9 to pay the way

Nighttime, weekend jobs take time, but they offer money as well as independence for hardworking students

1 week's car payment . . . \$45
 gas money . . . \$10
 new Calvin Kleins . . . \$25
 new Journey album . . . \$8
 Dad's birthday . . . \$15
 spending money . . . \$30
 \$133

There goes another paycheck!

Having a part-time job gives students the chance to enjoy extra activities without having to ask mom and dad for money.

The average student works three days a week and puts in between 15 and 20 hours. This may seem pretty easy, but when a student attends school 40 hours a week, works 15-20 at a job, does 5 hours of homework and still tries to have a social life, they are meeting life head-on at an early age.

School and homework

seem to be the main conflict when it comes to working. Junior Nick Elizondo aid. "Having two honors classes and

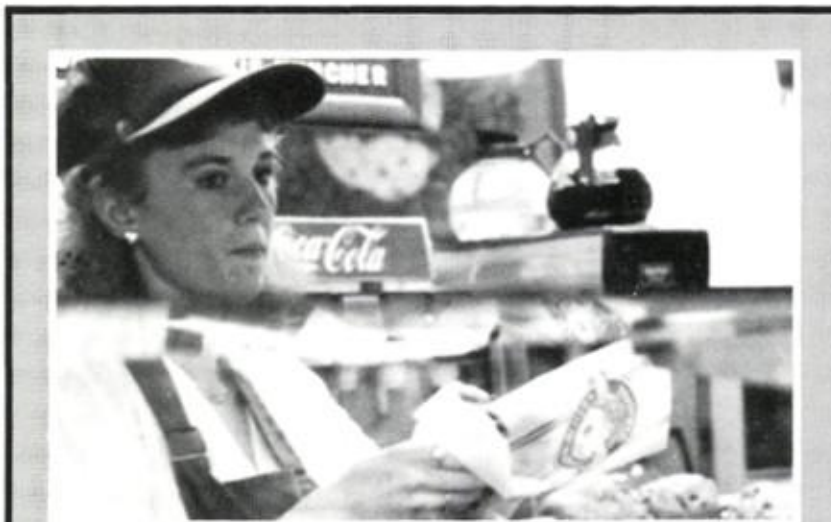
Smith said, "Melinda's worked since she was 14, and I feel that the working atmosphere has given her much responsibility

makes pretty much his own hours he wants to work. Hamilton said, "I know I get a lot of extra benefits, but when I'm there working, they treat me like any other employee."

Student jobs range from a grocery store or a car wash to things like mowing yards and fast food restaurants. Most students also receive \$3.35 an hour, which is the minimum wage in Texas.

Sophomore Toby Magill said, "Working gives me a lot of responsibility. Even my parents like me working, cause now I pay for my own things."

These students that attend school, work and maintain good grades are earning the best education for entering the real world. **Story by Lynda Kain.**



Working at Paradise Bakery can be a "stuffing" experience. Junior Rhonda Brewster stands behind the glass counter serving cookies and brownies to customers. **Lynda Kain photo.**

working is pretty hard, but my parents feel that if I keep up with my grades, they don't mind me working." This is a common feeling with parents. Peggy Smith, who is the mother of Junior Melinda

and dependability and also respect for money."

Freshman John Hamilton falls under a special category. Since his parents own the store he worked at, The Athletic Department, he



Senior Kathy Campbell applies cosmetics to Senior Dena Kemper at one of the Irving Mall shops. Campbell was trained for three days by the Jean Pierre Company. After the training, she received her beautician's license and was able to work there part-time. **Lynda Kain photo.**

After working at Minyard's more than two years, Senior Rhonda Bush has accomplished the responsibility of toughing-out the hard times and staying at one job a long time. Bush runs register and sacks groceries most of the time. **Stephanie Mashman photo.**



Living Proof



Senior Carol Jones fills in information on a customer's check at Minyard's. Stephanie Mashman photo.

It's fun working at A Tan for All Seasons, especially since I get free tanning sessions and get to do my homework when we're not busy. Senior Joey Uzzle



Junior Victor Eugenio straightens merchandise on the shelves at Page Drug. Stephanie Mashman photo.

Sound Warehouse is a cool place to work. I like learning about all the new fads in records and music. Junior Kyle Harrington



At her second day on the job, Junior Donna Burns said, "I love it. It's great." Lynda Kain photo.

Enough Said

Living Proof



Pop group concerts offered Senior Clint Carter an opportunity to perform. Steve Mashman photo.

Music is the most beautiful form of art. It's a powerful tool when used in helping others. Senior Andrew Aguirre



A quiet moment allows Sophomore Chad Rueffer to practice his guitar and concentrate on the music. Shannon Woodson photo.

The ultimate high is having nothing but a bond of sound between you and the audience. Sophomore Chad Rueffer



Joining in with other high school musicians, Senior Andrew Aguirre plays at Senior Aid. Kevin Carr photo.





eeeping the beat

High school bands and musicians use their music to keep spirits high and toes tapping for themselves and others

In almost every family, there is a piano or guitar somewhere in the house. At least one member of the family knows how to play but obviously never had the desire to be a professional or serious musician.

But, in one out of every ten families, one can find a player with a heart full of sound and rhythm and one who wants to be a performing artist.

There were many such individuals dwelling inside the walls of Nimitz, people with the desire and will to play. Because of so many potential individuals, bands began springing up everywhere.

Keeping a band together proved to be one of the harder tasks of playing. The Ski Bros. was kind of a joke band. They performed parodies of their songs as well as

original material. Their goal was to sound as cheap as possible. They had rules for their band like never rehearsing a

that we had to break up!" explained bassist Senior Daniel Nix.

"Five Flights Up" was a new dance band that held

and around Irving. They played a good mixture of cover tunes and all of their songs were danceable. The band also acquired an agent to book shows for them around Dallas and Irving.

Being a musician, one would soon find out how difficult it is to stay in a working band situation. Not only does a band need to have good polished sound, the band members must be compatible. A band cannot expect to work well together if there isn't a friendly working atmosphere.

What is it that a band needs to achieve their goals? Carter answered the question saying, "A good band has to look good, definitely sound good, and, of course, stay together." **Story by Chad Rueffer**



"Guys With Ties" drummer Senior David Mitchell plays with his band partners during the Senior Aid concert. Mitchell was also involved with another band, "Five Flights Up." Kevin Carr photo.

song more than once before recording it. They had a large following, but they couldn't keep it going. "The guitarist wanted to practice! After

Seniors George Esquivel (sax), David Mitchell (drums), and Clint Carter (guitar). The young band quickly began playing at banquets and parties in



Taking center stage at Senior Aid, Senior George Esquivel plays his saxophone. Esquivel was involved in the marching band for four years while in high school as well as playing with friends in garage bands. Kevin Carr photo.

A guitar solo at Senior Aid features Senior Jackie Kimberlin's musical talent. Much of Kimberlin's free time was spent involved with music and other local musicians. Kevin Carr photo.

S

anta's elves arrive

Busily preparing to make Christmas brighter for others, there was no time to spare in between all the plans

During Christmas, homeroom classes combined their efforts of donations to help children have a happier Christmas through the traditional Adopt-A-Child program.

Each homeroom was assigned a child from a local school ranging in age from kindergarten through third grade. The classes were given a \$100 limit to spend on their gifts for their child and food for the party.

Classes were dismissed early and representatives were sent down to meet the buses bringing the little children from their elementary schools. The children opened presents in a party atmosphere and happily munched on goodies provided by students.

After each child finished opening his

presents and eating they were taken back to the buses and returned to their schools.

and gifts. Besides collecting money for a larger class gift, some students each brought individual

money," Linda Halcomb, student council sponsor said, "so it is even more special when they provide on their own. Adopt-A-Child is the best service project the students participate in."

The teachers also enjoyed the program and being involved in the party. "I thought it was wonderful," Carrie Skeen, journalism adviser, said. "It felt good to know that we were doing something helpful."

"The students got more out of it than the children themselves," Halcomb said. "Adopt-A-Child had long-range effects on everyone." **Story by Marnie Harrison.**



Students dig into the food as their adopted child finishes opening gifts. Several classes ordered out for pizza for the big day while others brought homemade goodies. **John Mowry photo.**

The project with the children brought in more than \$8,000 in donations gifts for their homerooms

child. The project was an overwhelming success.

"Most of the kids at Nimitz work for their own

One of the children who participated in the Adopt-A-Child program tears into a package to find a brand new 4x4. Sophomore Terry Shumate lends a helping hand. **John Mowry photo.**





After everything was over, one little boy takes a break from all the activity while his homeroom host talk about their Christmas holiday plans. John Mowry photo.

One youngster excitedly opens his gift from his homerooms doubled up and two classes shared one student. Several high school students had to make after school deliveries of presents for the young guest. John Mowry photo.

Living Proof



Holding on to a new baseball bat, one little boy starts in on in on another gift at his party. John Mowry photo.

I think we all need to be reminded that not every little kid has something to look forward to on Christmas morning. Sophomore Steve Baxley



Some children were a little shy at all the commotion surrounding them during their parties.

Adopt-A-Child proved to be the true meaning of Christmas. Nothing can replace the feeling you get when you see a child get something he really wanted.

Junior Karen Murphy



Watching as his new friends help put his toy together, one boy gets ready to play

Enough Said

Living Proof



A reindeer decorates the Irving Mall to help celebrate the Christmas season. John Mowry photo.

Christmas makes me feel good because I have all my family around. I enjoy giving presents and seeing the hope in people that the season brings.
Junior Shannon Smith



O riginal Christmas trees that decorated homes, stores and classrooms helped bring the season. John Mowry photo.

Not only does Christmas mean a break from school but you can get some great food. Christmas gives such a feeling of renewal. And it's nice to see all of your relatives.
Freshman Bryan Adams.



The Easter Bunny gives Santa a hand in spreading the cheer of the season at the Irving Mall. John Mowry photo.



What would Christmas be without a seat on Santa's lap. Many children as well as adults gave ol' Saint Nick a list of their "I've been good" rewards. Because Santa is such a popular guy, the line to see him stretched throughout the mall. John Mowry photo.

A dancing and singing float at Holiday in the Park at Six Flags, entertained many people full of the Christmas spirit visiting the park. John Mowry photo.



oliday cheer

Christmas spirit was in full swing across Vikingland as students were busy getting into the holiday mood.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Even though snow did not fall as the season grew nearer, the look of Christmas was in people's faces. The cheer of the season spread throughout the halls as gifts were given, hugs were exchanged, and the last day of school before a two week vacation finally arrived.

As vacation neared, many students were looking forward to seeing family, going out of town for the holidays or just relaxing.

"Christmas was extra

Several students worked parttime jobs over the holidays to earn extra money for their gift giving list. Junior Allana Moore straightens clothes to help the Christmas shopper. Steve Mashman photo.

special for me because my cousin from Saudia Arabia came to spend it

break from the regular class routine was a good reason to celebrate, not to

reasons to celebrate.

"I especially like Christmas because it is a season of friendliness and my family and I can reflect on the birth of Christ," said Junior Tresha O'Connor.

The season seemed to end as quickly as it had come, when gifts were thanked for, wrapping paper was thrown away and the Aggies won the Cotton Bowl.

Students dusted off their books and headed toward the old schoolhouse once more. Some had new clothes and jewelry that Santa had left under their trees, but mostly they all had special memories of one more Christmas. **Story by Natalie Limberg.**



Six Flags singers get the season rolling by singing Christmas carols. The amusement park held several new festivities at a Holiday in the Park after their regular season ended. John Mowry photo.

with us," said Sophomore Didi Dragoo.

Having a two week

mention Christmas and the New Year, but some students found other



Living Proof



Senior Darby Adams plays with Dag during rehearsal. Gary Schepf photo.

It was neat that we were able to bring back the senior play after 5 years. It was truly a senior play. Everything was done by the seniors and the senior class sponsors. Senior Wade Raper



Much time was spent working on the set by Kevin Watkins. Gary Schepf photo.

We all came together, even though there were a few problems at first. Everyone got along well and worked good together. We all came through for a good show. Senior Daniel Nix



Heath Daniels plays Mr. Fitzgerald. Gary Schepf photo.



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n the starring roles

Revival of the senior play marks a great success with "Cheaper by the Dozen" and an all-senior cast

The senior class of 1986 did some traditional activities last year, set many precedents with new ones and pulled a few old ones out of the closet, in particularly the senior play "Cheaper by The Dozen."

"The senior play was one of the many activities we did," said Senior class sponsor Gary Schepf. "It gave many a chance to participate in something their senior year and was a great success."

Seniors got together after school for several weeks in preparation for years to look back on. The experienced actors helped them out.

"I hadn't done much acting, but I thought it would be fun to give it a shot," said Senior Steve Mashman.

"We helped all of the inexperienced people out

and for the most part everyone put on an excellent performance both nights," said Senior Daniel Nix.

"I felt that it was worth all of the time that we put into it because it gave the senior class one more thing to put on their list

much my senior year," said Senior Steve Mashman. "It put the class spirit in me through working hard with the other seniors."

The senior play ranked high as one of the favorite senior activities of the year. Though there were many other activities, to a few the play was the best.

Story by David Mitchell.



Seniors Becky Murray, Darby Adams and Brooke Sumrall rehearse with Daniel Nix. Everyone pulled together at the dress rehearsal for a great show. Gary Schepf photo.

The play took a lot of preparation and much of the students' time, but this only showed their dedication to their senior class.

of accomplishments this year," said Senior Jay Beavers.

"If it weren't for the play I probably wouldn't have participated in



After returning from a trip, Mr. Gilbreath portrayed by Daniel Nix inspects his children's fingernails to make sure they kept them clean while he was gone. Gary Schepf photo.

Senior Kirk Seace's character Joe Scales, a short cocky school cheerleader leads the family in a cheer. He was actually asked to do the cheer to be made fun of. Gary Schepf photo.

Science Club members Elizabeth Dill, Shawn Wallace, Victor Eugenio and Chris Spence enjoy a picnic in the middle of February. The Science Club participated on such activities as camping in Oklahoma. Shannon Woodson photo.



Living Proof

Winter really wasn't a big deal this year. It wasn't very cold, and there was no snow. It was like an early spring. Junior Becky Northrup



Sophomore Tom McGreevy displays his holiday spirit with lights at the Christmas dance. Candy Smilie photo.

For me the past winter seemed like it never passed. The spring fever hit me early. I became lazy and could've cared less about school. Junior Victor Eugenio



The new winter attraction was Holiday in the Park at Six Flags where patrons take a ride in the snow. John Mowry photo.

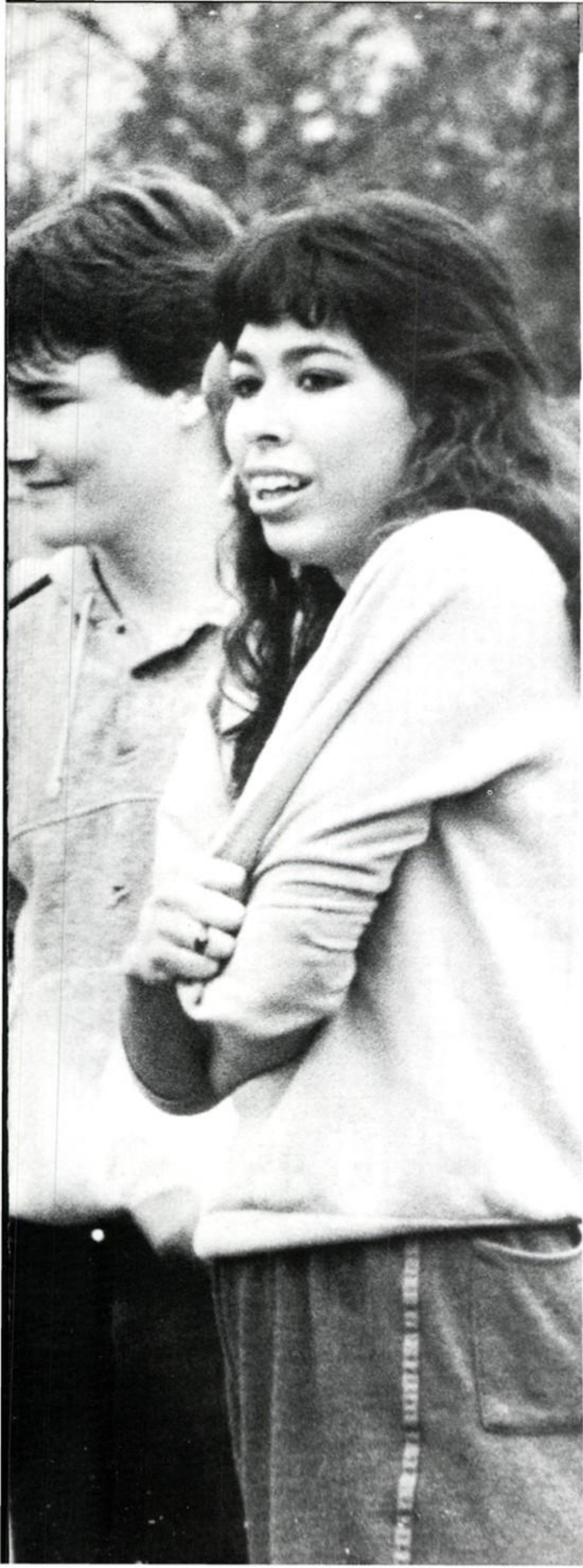
I thought the short winter was kind of good even though it didn't snow. It gave me time to get out and do a few outdoor activities. Junior Paul Chouffet



Taking it easy after an exhausting hour of yearbook, Sophomore Chad Rueffer keeps his coat on due to the feeling of winter inside the school building. Rueffer was a very active member of his class, and he could often be seen participating in numerous activities as well as boosting the spirit in his fellow classmates. Steve Mashman photo.

Junior Michelle Winton demonstrates two seasons of fashion by wearing her sunglasses and coat on a winter day. Both summer and winter clothes were worn during the winter months because of the inconsistency of the Texas weather. Joe Salinas photo.





Winter?

Students sweat out the winter with Spring Fever

Winter blues? Not plagued. Drowsy students quite! All in all, the fumbled through text books trying not to think about the sun beam-ing through the side win-dow, while teachers



During a rare cold spell, Seniors Angie Carty and Gary Miller enjoy a Friday night dance.

from Spring Fever in the middle of January.

The symptoms were extreme and very contagious. They consisted of severe notwant-to's followed by a heavy case of the lazies. The side effects ranged from overnight suntans (courtesy of the neighborhood tanning salons) to luxurious March weekends at the lake.

As the weeks crept by and the weather grew increasingly warmer, everyone appeared to be

rambled on.

Outside the temperature ranged from 60-80°. The daffodils bloomed early and the bees started to appear again. By the time Valentine's rolled around it seemed that every one had broken out into a cold sweat from the anxiety of being cooped up too long.

Finally, relief came one weekend during March when all fevers were broken and people gained miraculous strength to run wild during Spring Break.
Story by Melinda Jones.



Sitting in the window, Junior Terri Shumate takes a break and tries to warm up. The temperature inside the school was so that when it was cold outside it was hot inside, and when it was hot outside, it was cold inside. **Joe Salinas photo.**

During the Senior vs. Junior football game, Seniors Dee Barbosa and Steven Cox try to keep warm while they wait for the action to begin. The Senior vs. Junior football game was held on a Saturday morning in December. The juniors held a win over the seniors. **David Mitchell photo.**

Living Proof

It was really a surprise to be announced as the class favorite, considering it was my senior year. I was really happy and truly surprised. I couldn't believe it. Senior Kelli Applegate



A long with being the senior class favorite, Kelli Applegate was also the homecoming queen for 1986. Carrie Skeen photo.

I was excited later, but a first it was more of a surprise because I was not even expecting to receive the title. When I heard, I thought I was going to die. Junior Sherry Ransome



Junior Sherry Ransome was a class favorite her sophomore and junior year. Stephanie Mashman photo.

I was just standing there waiting to hear the freshman favorite when they called my name. I was so surprised and I thought I was going to cry. It was a total shock. Freshman Tonya Tribble

Enough Said



Don Killian, one of the sophomore class' favorite teachers, leads his history classes in their mock olympics. In their study of Ancient Greece the classes practiced throwing javelins

Roses, teddybears, balloons, candy-grams and flowers of all types cover the office counter on Valentine's Day. Deliveries to the office were so heavy on February 14 extra tables were brought

and participated in other athletic trials following the example of the Ancient Greeks and Romans. Erikalyn Ellis photo.

in and set up to hold all the goodies. Students were sent notices that flowers had been received and could be picked up later in the day. Joe Salinas photo.

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laces in the hearts

St. Valentine's Day was highlighted for some with hearts and flowers and by being named Favorites for others

Who gave you those roses? Where did you get candy? Who's taking you to the Favorite's Dance?

These were common questions among students on Valentine's Day and prior to the Favorite's Dance that night. Cupid had a busy day at school, shooting everyone with love. Girls walked down the hall making sure others noticed gifts from boyfriends or secret admirers. The air was filled with the spirit of love.

Along with Valentine's Day came the recognition of the class favorites at the dance sponsored by

"For her extra attention to me, it was easy for me to choose Miss Bradley," said Junior Chris Arnold, who sits with Bradley during an after school lesson. Erikalyn Ellis, photo.

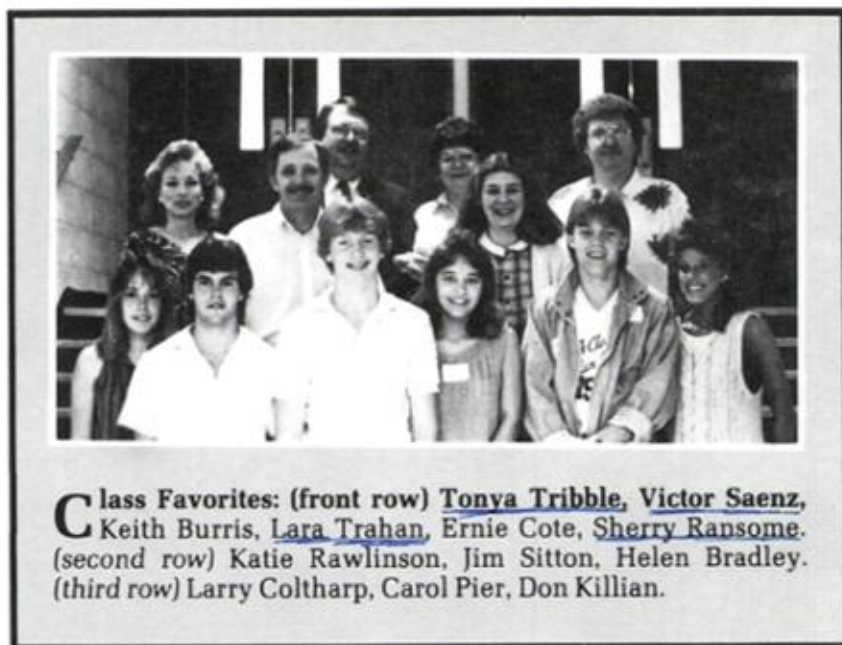
the yearbook staff.

As Tonya Tribble and Victor Seinz were an-

Trahan and Keith Burris were shocked as they were announced as

said Ernie Cote, who shared junior favorite honors with Sherry Ransome, who added, "I was excited later, but at first it was more of a surprise." Senior class favorites were announced last with Kelli Applegate and Jeff Powers taking the honors.

Teachers were next. The freshman class teacher favorites were Katie Rawlinson and Eddie Dowler. Sophomore teacher favorites were Carol Pier and Don Killian. Junior teacher favorites were Helen Bradley and Jim Sitton. The senior teacher favorites were Carol Peir and Larry Coltharp. "It means much to a teacher to receive recognition from his students," Coltharp said. **Story by Shannon Long**



Class Favorites: (front row) Tonya Tribble, Victor Saenz, Keith Burris, Lara Trahan, Ernie Cote, Sherry Ransome. (second row) Katie Rawlinson, Jim Sitton, Helen Bradley. (third row) Larry Coltharp, Carol Pier, Don Killian.

nounced as freshman, class favorites, their faces showed the surprise. Lara

sophomore class favorites.

"I was very surprised,"



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enior Aid brings in funds

First-time ever showcase for musical talents features Nimitz musicians to raise money for the Class of '86

Lights dimmed and the crowd got quiet waiting for the music to begin. It wasn't Reunion Arena and a record-breaking concert tour. It was the spectator gym and the history-making Senior Aid concert.

The concert, sponsored by and benefiting the senior class, featured student bands such as Magic Dave and the Tuff Tones, The Guys With Ties, 40° Below, Optic X and DNA.

Senior Cecil Linsley of Optic X said, "We tried to relay to the crowd that there was different types of music out there and we all enjoy something a little different."

The crowd responded to the variety of music at Senior Aid. "Personally,"

Senior Kim Hudson said, "I go for the more rock bands than the other stuff. I thought the con-

featured only Nimitz students in a concert which senior officers hoped would bring

Senior Aid we attributed to the advertising and promotion of the concert on TV and radio. The \$3 ticket also helped.

"To me, the fact that it was \$3 was no big deal," Senior Elizabeth Joseph said. "I just wanted to see my friends perform. It was really worth \$3."

Senior sponsor Gary Schepf praised the work and music of the volunteer performers. "What made this concert so unique was the many students who performed did it all on their own. They did an outstanding job."



Preparing for the Senior Aid concert, Senior Todd Bowen and sophomore Chad Rueffer lay blocks for the stage as Senior sponsor Gary Schepf supervises. Erikalynn Ellis photo.

cert allowed all of us to hear most of what we enjoy."

The musical program

money into the class coffers for the prom and senior gift.

The \$1600 raised by

Closing the evening's music, Seniors George Esquivel and Daniel Nix of Guys With Ties end the first Senior Aid concert helping to raise money for the senior class. Kevin Carr photo.





Living Proof

I really didn't mind spending \$3 to get in. I mean, it was cheaper than a movie, and I already knew the stars of this show a little better. Senior Teresa Caviness



Optic X member Cecil Lindsey said, "A lot of students like what we played." Erikalyn Ellis photo.

A lot of students have bands on their own, and they set a goal to perform and do their best. They showed that you don't have to be a part of the music program here at school to be good. Senior sponsor Gary Schepf



Andrew Aguirre and Chad Rueffer of Magic Davd and the Tuff Tones play for Senior Aid. Kevin Carr photo.



Taking their turn on the stage in the spectator gym, Guys With Ties plays for Senior Aid. Seniors Brandon Power, Brent Lovelady and David Duggan used the opportunity to perform and help their class. Success of the concert, a first ever, was given to special promotions run on local radio and television. Kevin Carr photo.

Odysey members Glenn Granado, Jackie Kimberlin and Brent Grinnell entertain the fans at Senior Aid. The concert gave school bands a chance to play for friends while also helping the senior class prepare for a special prom for the class of 86. Kevin Carr photo.

I just wanted to see my friends perform, and I kinda felt honored that we were the first ever to try something like this. It was really worth my \$3. Senior Elizabeth Joseph

Enough Said



he unscoop

No story, just pictures that have no reason

Pictures. They bring out the best and worst in people. yearbook. The staff felt it was a shame that these priceless moments had to

In glancing through the contact books, Valhalla staff members recognized the many funny



Senior Craig Easley finds that school hamburgers taste better when he eats them fast. Gary Schepf photo.

be tossed out because of their irrelevancy. That is the reason we have taken these

and wonderful pictures that could serve no specific purpose in the pages to share those moments with you. **The 1986 Valhalla staff.**



Sign painting parties were meant for painting signs, but they usually involved a great deal of goofing off as well. Sophomores Jean Jones and Sonja Piper share a friendly dance between signs. Participating in class activities such as sign painting and pep rally themes allowed freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors a chance to unite as a class and support their school. **David Mitchell photo.**

Theme pep rallies added variety to the football season and class competition for the spirit stick. Senior Scott Hunt wears a pirate hat to do his part in the senior section. Hunt not only did his bit in pep rallies but was a members of the marching band during the football season. **Chad Windham photo.**



Living Proof

I think yearbook pictures should look natural. Posed pictures are too unrealistic. Surprise shots are almost hilarious to look at. Junior Amy Daffron



Senior Darrin Kilsby gives one of his looks as he appears surprised by the photographer. Shannon Woods on photo.

There should be more pictures in the yearbook. I get bored looking at a yearbook that limits its pictures. The more photos, the better. Senior Darrell Ingram



Senior Barbara Babcox has a nonverbal answer to "How's your day going? Steve Mashman photo.

I like to see funny pictures in the yearbook. Then, when I'm old, I can look back and remember all the fun I had in high school. I don't want to be bored. Senior Sheryl James

Enough Said

Spring fever spread rapidly as the grass grew greener and the temperature rose. The epidemic seemed to be apparent as Seniors Steve

Mordecai, Darrel Ingram and Sophomore Cory Blount try to amuse others in the fight against a monotonous school day. Steve Mashman photo.



The Hawaiian meeting at the Anatole gave seniors a preview to the week long trip to paradise. Seniors Kelli Applegate and Kim Root show their excitement after Applegate won a door prize. Gary Schepf photo.

Senior Aid gave students who participated in the bands a chance to show their stuff and the audience a chance to dance on the floor of the spectator gym. Kevin Carr photo.



own with dirt!

Spring Clean-Up Day lets the sun shine in through clean windows and brings in a breath of fresh air for workers

The sun shone brightly on an early morning in Spring. The smell of Lysol, paint and Windex lingered through the halls of Nimitz. People in blue jeans and gardener's gloves could be seen around the grounds and inside the building. It was Spring Clean-Up Day.

Students and faculty gave their Saturday to clean up their school and make it a better place to be.

"I think it is a good idea to clean up the school because I want my school to look good. I just wish more people would participate." Junior Didi Sawyer said.

Having a day to paint

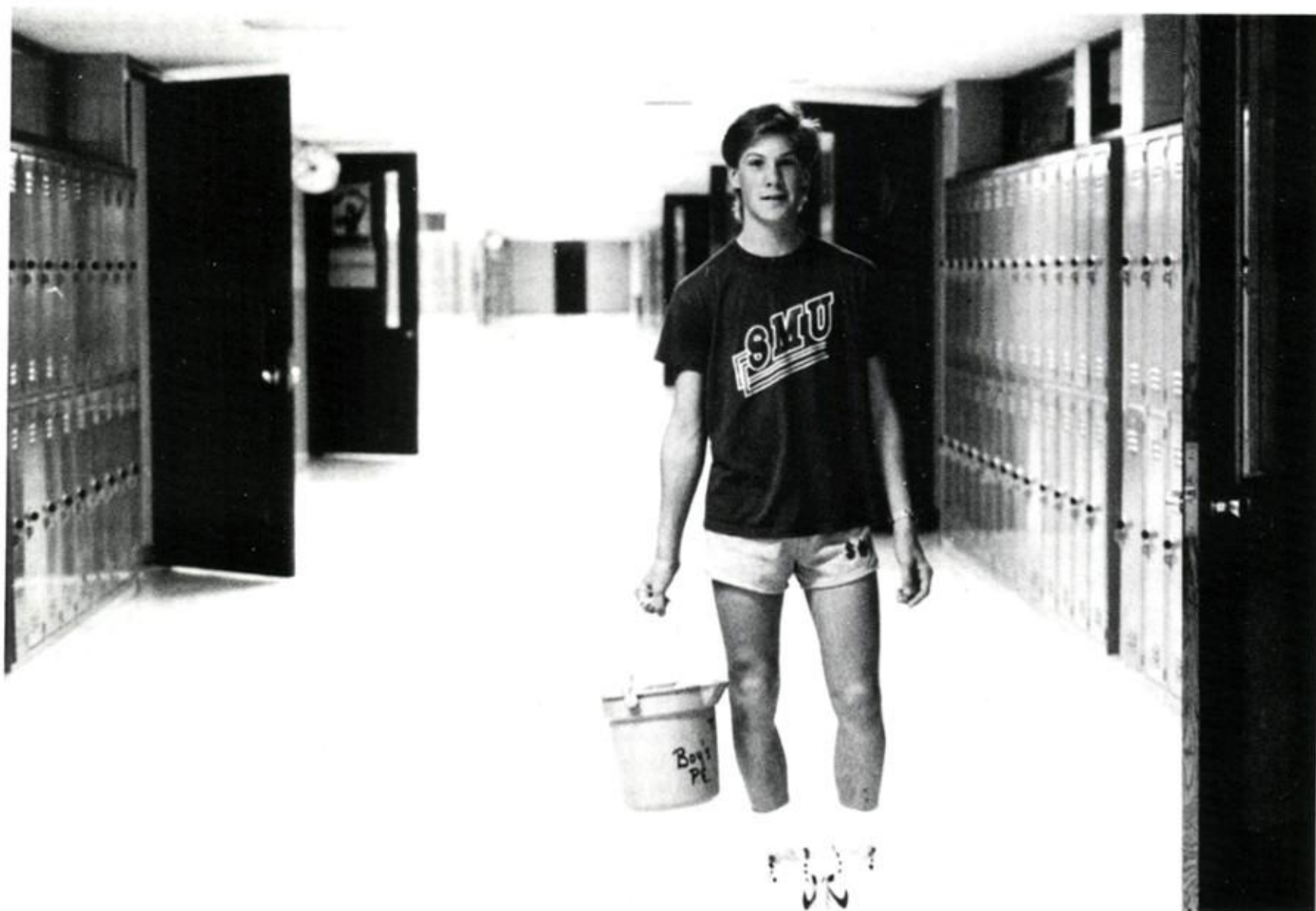


Planting new shrubberies perfected the appearance of the outside of the school and the courtyard. Seniors Natilie Chaves and Tammy Black plant bushes around the new library. **Stephanie Mashman photo.**

over all the "I love so and so's" and clean all the other grafitti off the walls helped maintain the pride that Nimitz already has in its appearance.

Improvements did not stop at the doors, but it found its way out to the grounds as well. New shrubbery was planted to add a final touch to the outside of the school.

"I really think a school can always use improvement, and a nice looking school helps students and faculty have more pride in it," Senior Katie Echols said. **Story by Natalie Limberg.**



Months and months of accumulated grafitti was washed away by clean-up crews on Spring Clean-Up Day. Freshman class president Kory Knott carries a pail of water and soap to help clean off desks and walls. **Stephanie Mashman photo.**

Spring time means green things and Junior Jeff Morgan adds to the greenery around the building by planting new shrubs. Spring Clean-Up Day has become a worthwhile tradition to take a day and spruce up for the last few weeks of the school year. **Stephanie Mashman photo.**



Living Proof



A little elbow grease helps geometry teacher Marla Gallemore clean lab counters. Stephanie Mashman photo.

I think it is a good idea to clean up the school because I want my school to look good. I just wish more people would participate. Junior Didi Sawyer



Pencil marks disappear like magic with a little help from Juniors Didi Sawyer and Nick Elizondo. Stephanie Mashman photo.

I really think a school can always use improvements, and a nice looking school helps students and faculty have more pride in it. Senior Katie Echols



Science lab tables and counters get the once over from Senior Katie Echols. Stephanie Mashman photo.

Enough Said

As the lights dimmed, Seniors Bobby Hastings and Tiffany Williams share a special moment on the dance floor. Some students felt that their

dates made the night more special. The dance began after the traditional Senior Walk and lasted until midnight. **Gary Schepf photo.**



Showing his unique style, Senior Tim Alford models his combination tuxedo and high-tops. Although many chose to wear the traditional tux, some added to it with their own personal touches. **Gary Schepf photo.**

Taking a whirl around the dance floor Senior Amy Polous and Sophomore James Mining talk about their evening plans. Many couples planned to attend parties, movies and the early morning breakfast that were exclusively for prom couples.



Living Proof



Upon leaving the Great Hall of the Apparel Mart, Senior Cedric Layton gets a balloon. **Gary Schepf photo.**

Prom was expensive but well worth it. It was almost like playing dress up, but was as much more fun. Senior Cindy Hatridge



Senior Carol Jones and her date stand in line at the buffet. **Gary Schepf photo.**

Prom was fun, but after prom was great. We went to the movie, the breakfast and to play softball early in the morning. Senior John Williams



While in between dances, Senior Bridgette Dozier borrows date Billy Winn's jacket. **Gary Schepf photo.**

Enough Said



xtravagant

A long awaited night
that will never be forgotten

Four years of pinching pennies and planning for it. People selling to the hilt to look smashing for that once in a lifetime night.

candy, washing cars and having shows for it. People buying formals and renting tuxedos for it.



While waiting to line up for dinner, Senior Christie Capehart and her date enjoy conversation about their plans for the evening.

"Prom was a s expensive, but well worth it," Senior Cindy Hatridge said. "It was almost

"It" is prom, of course.

"We worked hard for our prom," said Senior Wade Raper. "It turned out to be really excellent. I wish we could do it all over again."

Prom was a night spent laughing and dancing, lasting way into the next morning. People dressed

like playing dress up."

Prom was in the Grand Hall of the Apparel Mart. There were balloons, a slide show and a buffet. Seniors had the times of their lives. Were the years well spent? Was it worth the wait? You bet! **Story by Melinda Jones.**



Enjoying each other's company, Senior Brent Lovelady and his date wait to join in the dancing until a slow song is played. Most students made their prom dates months in advance to get ready for the occasion. **Gary Schepf photo.**

After going through the buffet line, Senior Bryan Hart goes to join his friends at their table. The Hawaiian buffet dinner served chicken, fish and a variety of salads. **Gary Schepf photo.**

Living Proof

I had a blast seeing everyone dressed up. I got all dressed up, and it seemed like I just turned around before I got home and took it off — it went by too fast. Senior Janet Eskew



Senior George DeLaRosa and his date wait for their turn to walk through the arches in the Senior Walk.

It was a lot more than I expected. It was a real formal gathering and dinner and dance. I had a great time and enjoyed myself more than I expected. Senior Natilie Chavez



Senior Bard Reian waits as his date calls for their limo to take them to another activity after prom.

It was pretty and so much fun. It was just what I expected. The night's activities were a good idea, too. It was good to do without alcohol. Senior Karen Eckert



Focusing for a shot, Senior Tamyra Wilsey laughs while trying to photograph friends on the dance floor. Many seniors took cameras for once in a lifetime shots of each other. Gary Schepf photo.

Leading the Senior Walk, class president Wade Raper and his date Julie Burton start off the dance to the class song, "The Best Was Yet to Come" by Bryan Adams. Gary Schepf photo.



A

ll dressed up with lots to do

Prom night activities and individual parties kept seniors busy until the dawn's early light with plenty of good times

The most anticipated moment of the senior year other than graduation is prom. Several weeks of talking, planning and saving were on the minds of all seniors as they come to the highlights of their year.

"Prom cost me \$190," Senior John Pugh said. "My date only had to buy her dress. It cost me a lot of Friday and Saturday nights."

Though the cost to some was rather steep, prom could be inexpen-

Getting portraits taken at the prom was not a highlight, but students were glad to have them as a remembrance of the special evening. Seniors Brenda Churning, Robin Werberig, Steven George and Dee Barbosa stand in line to pose for pictures. Gary Schepf photo.

sive. It was the limos and hotel rentals that made the price high.

"Everyone else rented

could be found all over Dallas at parties, hotels or or planned activities.

"I thought the activities

2 a.m. and included a movie, breakfast and sports events for those who weren't too tired by 6 a.m.

The whole night was fun, but the most remembered part for most was when all the seniors walked with their dates and formed a circle to watch their friends walk through the arch while the senior class song "The Best Was Yet To Come," played and the dance started.

"As I watched my friends walk by me and form a circle to our class song, it made me proud to be a senior," Senior Donna Marion said. Story by David Mitchell.



After arriving at the prom, Senior Mark Coffman and his date wait for a break in the buffet line for the Hawaiian dinner. Gary Schepf photo.

limos for the prom," Senior Marvin Reynolds said. "I took my date in a hearse."

After prom seniors

were a success, especially the breakfast," Senior class president Wade Raper said.

The activities started at



Living Proof

I think it's a pretty neat ceremony, to see them all together for the last time. It made me look forward to next year. Junior Lisa Walker



Closing Senior Preview, Principal Arlen Cray ends the ceremony by closing the gates. Carrie Skeen photo.

Senior Preview is when it sinks in that we're leaving. It's our last hurrah, but we're going on to bigger and better things. Senior Scott Hunt



Down the red carpet and through the archway, Senior Chuck Tillman escorts Senior Darby Adams. Kevin Carr photo.

Preview is really exciting. It was kind of weird, though, because there were people I didn't know were in my class until Preview. Senior Janet Eskew





Walk of a lifetime

Senior Preview provides a last solemn ceremony as seniors turn their rings

They walk across the stage one by one and grab their diplomas. Graduation, right? All high schools have them, and all seniors know the feeling.

The girls shop for weeks, and the guys get their tuxedos and shine up their cars. Prom, right? Every high school has one, and every senior knows the feeling.

The scene has been set especially for them from the red carpet to the flowered arch decorated in the class colors.

This is Senior Preview, and only a Nimitz senior knows the feeling.

"Preview is really ex-

Taking a break from all the commotion backstage before Senior Preview begins, Senior Misty Rogers, with shoes in hand, reflects back on a senior year full of activities. **Stephanie Mashman photo.**

citing," Senior Janet Eskew said. "It was our first time to be recognized in front of everyone."



English teacher Brenda Martin talks with Senior Rachel Batto backstage.

room for two under the arch, much less three, but I didn't mind going with three," Chaves said.

As the seniors approached the arch in pairs or trios, their names were announced to the auditorium full of juniors who were receiving the reins of the school with each new couple that came under the arch.

As they passed through, the seniors took off their class rings and put them back on with the words "Nimitz High School" facing out for the world to read.

For the juniors it was a special preview of what is to come. For the seniors it was a last look back.

"It's a really neat feeling," Senior Scott Hunt said. "You're looking at all the 'new seniors' and you feel like it's all over." **Story by Ernie Cote.**

Senior Natilie Chaves and others found it necessary to be presented at Preview in a trio instead of the traditional couple.

"There was barely



P pausing under the decorated archway, Seniors Priscilla Barber and Mike Wright turn

their class rings to mark their leaving high school. **Carrie Skeen photo.**

Taking the final walk, Seniors Jenny Suk, Chuck Holle and Deanna Devine turn their rings. Several seniors

chose to make the Senior Preview walk in trios of friends rather than the traditional pairs. **Carrie Skeen photo.**

Living Proof



Senior Del Howard tries to keep his cool waiting in line for graduation. Carrie Skeen photo.

I wasn't thinking about how this only happens once in your life. I just wanted it to be over. When it was, I wished I had paid more attention.
Senior Van Allen



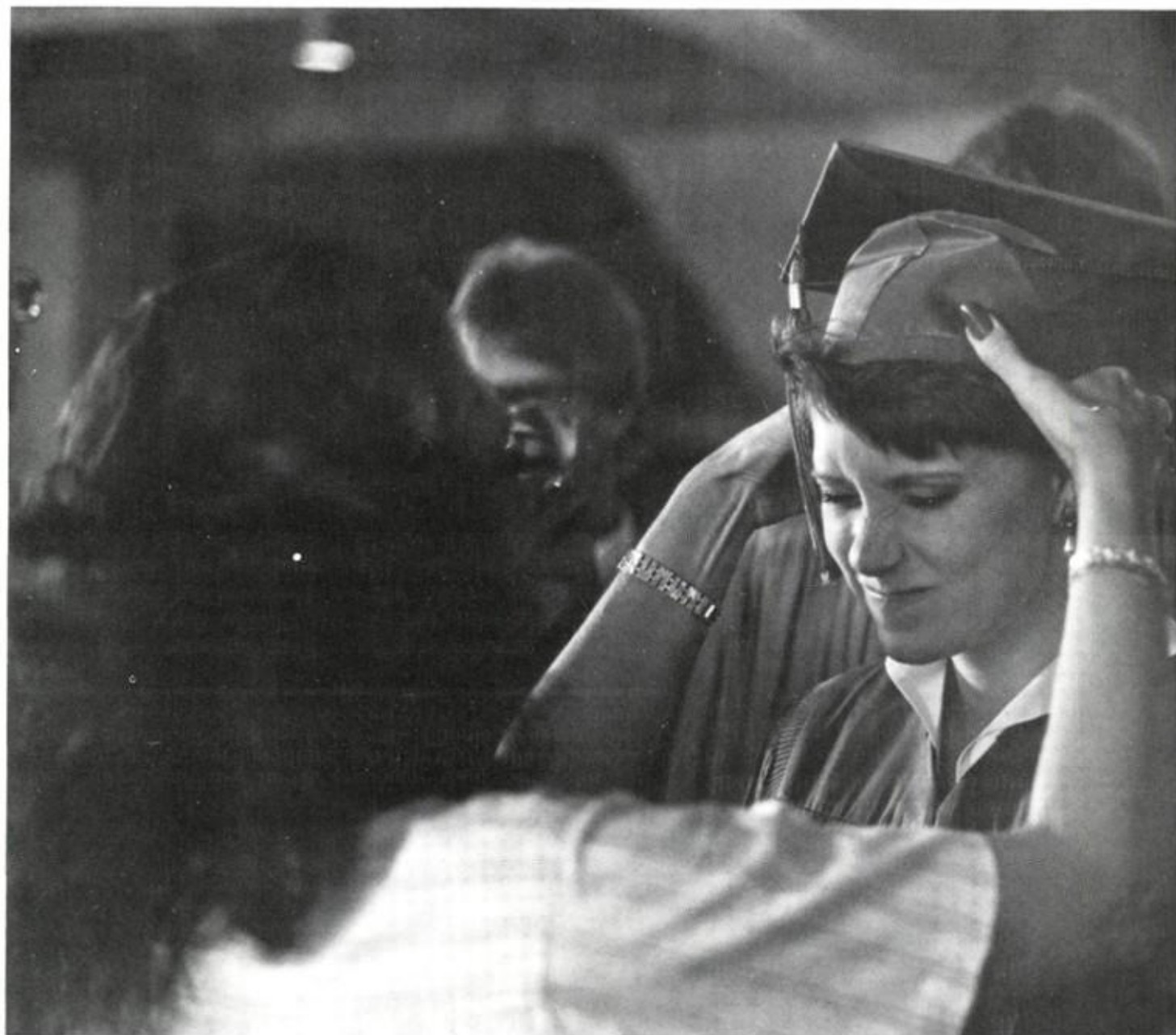
Looking good was a priority as Coach Jinks White helps a senior with his tie. Carrie Skeen photo.

It was very hot. Imagine what it was in the middle of the day. I wish they were still on different days.
Senior Janet Eskew



Valedictorian Heath Daniels makes a final note on his commencement address. Carrie Skeen photo.

Enough Said



Pincipal Arlen Cray gets assistance in putting on his cap and gown for the graduation ceremonies. This was the first year faculty and administrators participating in the ceremony wore academic robes and caps. Carrie Skeen photo.

National Honor Society members Jenny Suk, Tamyra Wilsey and Carrie Street wait patiently to get started with the graduation ceremony that they have anticipated for four long years. Honor Society members were recognized with a white honor stole and by being the first group after Top Ten to receive their diplomas. Carrie Skeen photo.



N

ine A.M! Rise and shine!

Friday evening's Baccalaureate, with graduation by the dawn's early light brought '86 to a grand finale

It was really neat. That made it more special. I'll never forget him doing that. — **Senior Paige Filbeck**, whose father, a member of the Irving ISD school board, switched places on stage to be able to present his daughter's diploma along with a big hug.

It was hard getting up on the stage, but it was worth it. — **Senior Shannon Kingen**, who made her way across the stage on crutches.

We couldn't hear the speeches from back there, but it was the greatest feeling of my life looking at all the seniors. I felt like all my hard work had

"How do you wear this thing?" many girls asked and complained. Senior Amy Polous gets some unsolicited help straightening her cap from English consultant Peggy Looper. **Carrie Skeen photo.**

finally paid off. — **Senior Scott Hunt**, who sat on the stage as part of the Top Ten.

have rather had it at night, though, but considering that night, I'm glad we didn't. — **Senior**

had it at night so that everyone could go out afterward, but considering that night, I'm glad we didn't. — **MacArthur Senior Jennifer Faith**, who graduated with her class at 2 p.m.

It wasn't as bad as everyone thinks. It did rain the whole time, though. It never stopped, but everybody sat through it. I liked having it at night. It was a graduation that everyone will remember. — **Irving Valedictorian Russel Perkins**, whose class graduated in a pouring rain at 8 p.m.

I think it won't really sink in until I reach the college campus. — **Senior Natilie Chaves**



Band and choir members from Nimitz, Irving and MacArthur High Schools combined talents for the baccalaureate ceremonies for all three schools. **Carrie Skeen photo.**

Having graduation in the morning was OK. In the afternoon would have been too hot in the stadium. I think I would

Tim Burson

It was very humid, and it was about to rain. It was really hot under those robes. I would rather have



Lending a helping hand, Senior sponsor and English teacher Nancy Tucker gives Graduate Paige Filbeck a lesson in the proper way to wear the graduation cap. While students' style dictated

wearing the cap on the back of the heads, teachers insisted they be worn on the top of the head. Many caps were straightened before the ceremony started. **Carrie Skeen photos.**



inally!

Class of '86 makes its last walk together

Sure, having graduation in Texas Stadium, risking a down-pour and sweating it out is a little different. Looking back on graduation, the setting might be something we will remember, but it's the people we won't forget.

"Dare to Be Different" may never enter our minds when recalling the valedictorian's speech, but Heath's courage will.

No one will remember the row and seat numbers where they sat, but we'll remember who sat on either side.

We may not remember

specific words or phrases, but the screams and shouts from friends and family will never be forgotten.

The million thoughts that ran through our heads during the short walk across the stage can't be recalled today,

but the feeling of that diploma in our hands will be long remembered.

The many individual congratulations we received won't be thought of as much as a special handshake or hug from a friend. Words on a diploma may never mean a thing, but the friends and family that helped make it possible will never be forgotten.



Graduates LeeAnn Baker, Priscilla Barber and Dee Barbosa sing the school song for the last time.



After being presented to family, friends and guests at graduation ceremonies, receiving the diploma was the highlight of graduation. Senior Paul Pickett is congratulated by a member of the Irving Independent School District school board. Chad Windham photo.

The big moment approaches as Senior Sheri Oakley gives her name card to Senior sponsor Larry Coltharp and prepares to walk across the stage to receive her diploma. Although this moment was anticipated for years, many seniors felt relieved after it was over. Stephanie Mashman photo.



Living Proof



Standing with pride, Seniors Carol Jones and Melinda Jones wait for the rest of their row to accept diplomas.

I was happy and sad at the same time. It is the day we all look forward to and then it's all over with. I felt like I was with my friends all day. Senior Natilie Chavez



In his first year as superintendent of the Irving ISD, Dr. William McKinney accepts the graduating class of 1986.

It was the greatest feeling of my life looking at all the seniors from the stage. I felt like my hard work finally had a reward. Senior Scott Hunt

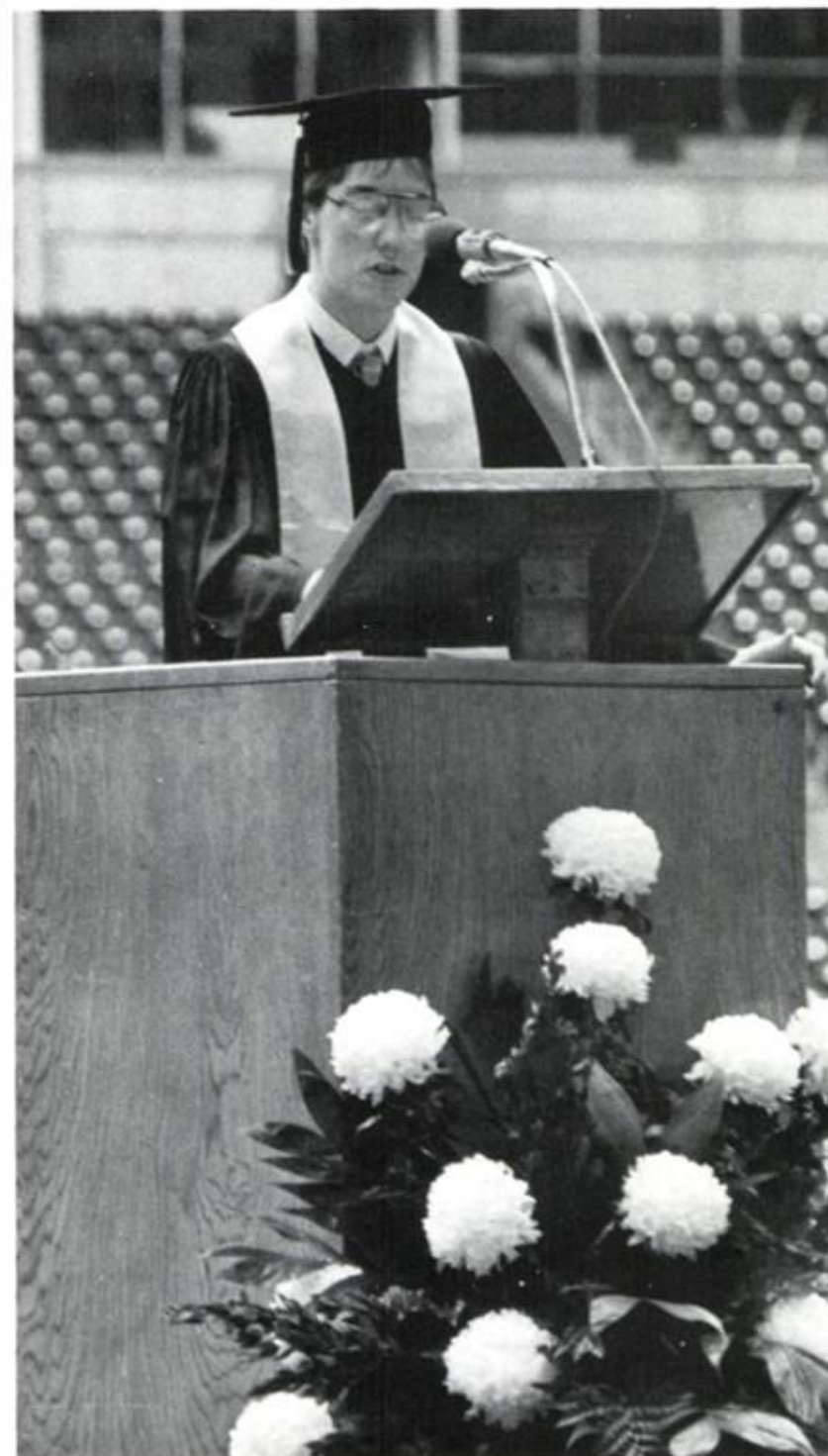


Applauding themselves, seniors show their excitement after all had been recognized.

Enough Said

Awaiting her turn to be recognized, Senior Shannon Kingen holds her crutches and is determined to walk across the stage to pick up her diploma. Kingen broke her ankle just before the

end of school, and the short walk across the stage made the effort to get there worthwhile. **Stephanie Mashman photo**



Walking across the stage, Valedictorian Heath Daniels sets the pace for all the other graduates. He was recognized not only as ranking number one in his class but also as Mr. NHS. **Stephanie Mashman photo.**

Senior class president Wade Raper concludes the graduation ceremonies held at Texas Stadium by leading the senior class in moving their graduation tassels. Raper and the officers led their class seriously with responsibility and added many new traditions for the seniors classes to come. **Stephanie Mashman photo.**

Living Proof

I was pretty sad that it was my last day as an exchange student. It's hard to think that some of the people I've met I'll never see again. Senior Bard Reian



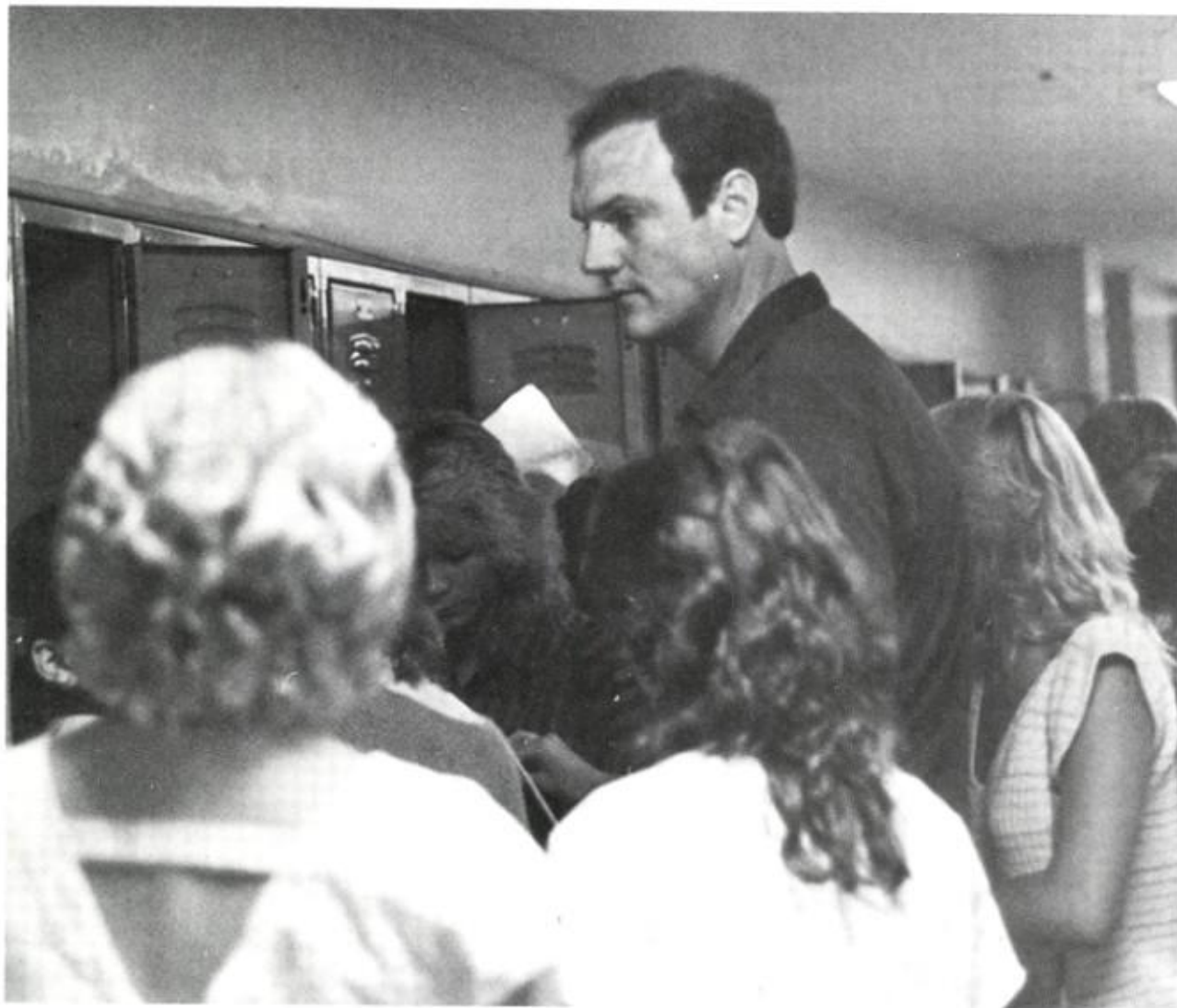
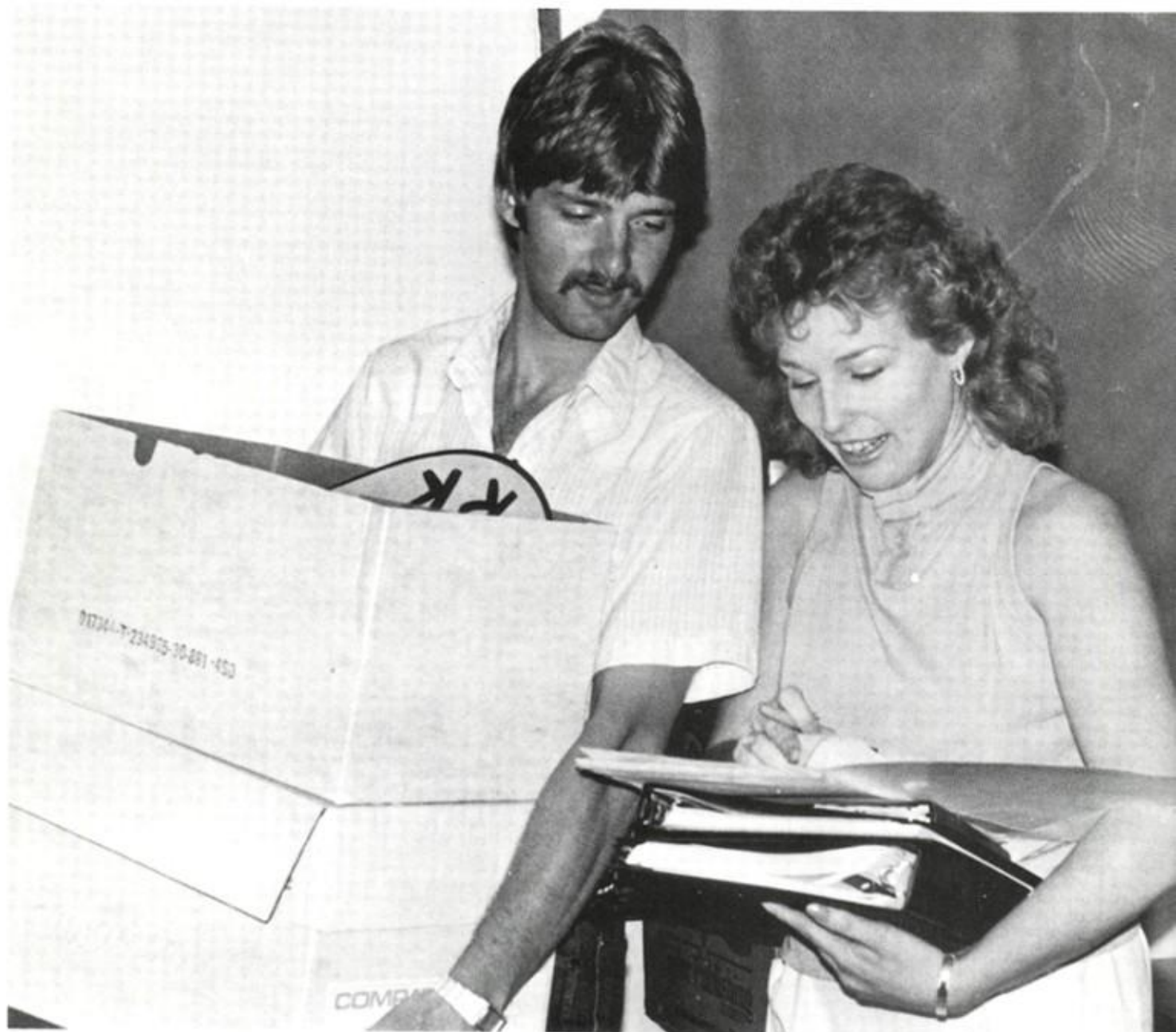
Cleaning up lockers is a big mess, so Sophomore Suzi Motley decides to take it slow. Carrie Skeen photo.

I was anxious to get out, worried about exams and sad that it was my last day here until my senior year. It was hard saying good-bye to my friends and teachers. Sophomore Jin-Hee Choi



Realizing that this was their last day as sophomores, Robert Banda and Mark Kim carried books. Chad Windham photo.

The new exam schedule was okay, but I missed all the fun we had during open campus lunch. It wasn't all that bad because I'm finally a JUNIOR! Sophomore Matt Cartwright



'Look out, it's the locker patrol!' Coach G. W. Melton supervises during the last locker cleanout of the year. Throwing away all trash and finding lost books were the main purposes of the clean-up day. Trash cans, library carts, teachers and wandering students crowded the halls. Carrie Skeen photo.

Getting rid of books was the last thing on the minds of seniors as they made their way to the cafeteria. Seniors Efren Gonzales and Cliff Satterfield take orders as to where to put the books. "It felt pretty good to do away with all those books. It's finally over!" Gonzales said. Chad Windham photo.

T

urn out the lights, it's over

Last days bring good-byes to friends, teachers, exams and homework, and hellos to good times in the sunshine

The empty book room is unlocked and the students pile the textbooks on the dusty shelves. The last few people sign the autograph sheet being passed around the room. A teacher can be heard telling the students to turn in their exams. It was almost time to close shop.

Most students seemed to feel excited about getting out for the summer, but Senior Tim Alford admitted he was a little bit sad to be leaving.

"Everyone seems to think 'Wow! No more school!', but these are the

Business teacher Katie Rawlinson, with the help of her fiancé Craig Russell, hauls her teaching materials to the car. After their summer wedding, she will teach next year in Emory, Texas. *Carrie Skeen photo.*

best days of your life, and it's sometimes scary thinking about the future," Alford said.

The last few days were

six months can be a problem.

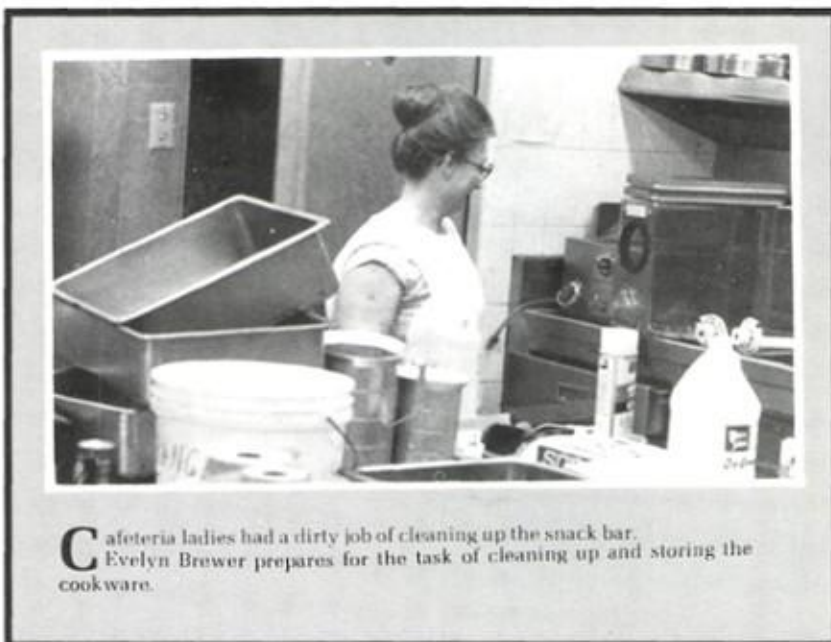
Film projects, overheads and books had to be turned in to the li-

the final exam.

The new exam schedule was in force, and there was no open campus lunch this year. Classes started at 8:15 and ended at 12:40.

"The new schedule will be much easier because we don't have to worry about kids not coming back after open lunch. It will also give teachers more time to finish their grades," Vice-Principal Bill McAlister said.

All in all, it was not that bad. There will never be a year just like this, and nothing will ever be able to erase the memories that were made here. **Story by Lara Trahan.**



Cafeteria ladies had a dirty job of cleaning up the snack bar. Evelyn Brewer prepares for the task of cleaning up and storing the cookware.

usually hectic. Trying to find who's had your algebra book for the last

brary, students' books had to be turned in, or paid for, in order to take



Proven Individuality

The Proof is in Our
PRIDE

Here's Proof. Although we are all very different, we all compliment each other. We are not all Homecoming queens or MVP's, nor are we all Top Ten in our class. Our interests are different. That's what makes each of us unique. Sharing these differences brings us closer together as a family — the Nimitz family.

Diversity makes our lives exciting, more interesting. We can come through the doors each morning knowing that this day will be like no other, past or future. Our moods, hair cuts, clothes, classes, attitudes and hair color are all in perpetual motion as we try to find our own statement of who and what we are.

Some entertain us on the fields. Others contribute their talents through art, music or journalism. And some become a part of our lives by being themselves — being unique — Proven Individuality.

Senior Shannon Kingen raises a ruckus at the Seniors' Beach Party pep rally. Planning and coordination among the class helped the seniors win the spirit stick for their fun in the sun. Joe Salinas photo.





With their Pee Wee Herman pep rally theme the Junior class fights to beat senior dominance for the spirit stick. Junior Leanne Pierson takes a couple of minutes to finish her Spanish assignment. Freshmen Chris Windham and Jeanie Bush stand up to be recognized at the officer election. At the Senior Aid concert, Clint Carter plays his solo. Joe Salinas, Andrea Mandley, Kevin Carr photos.

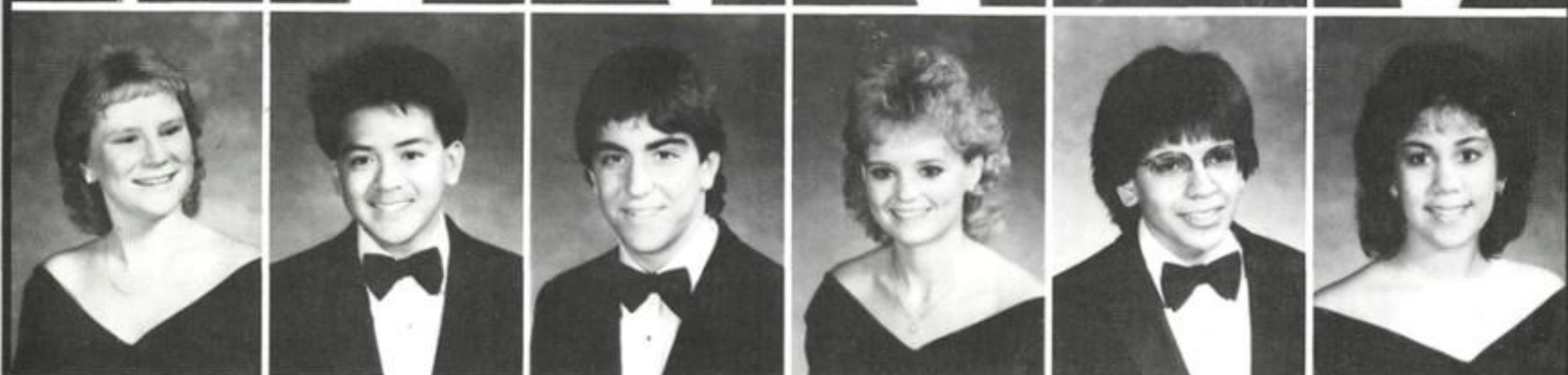
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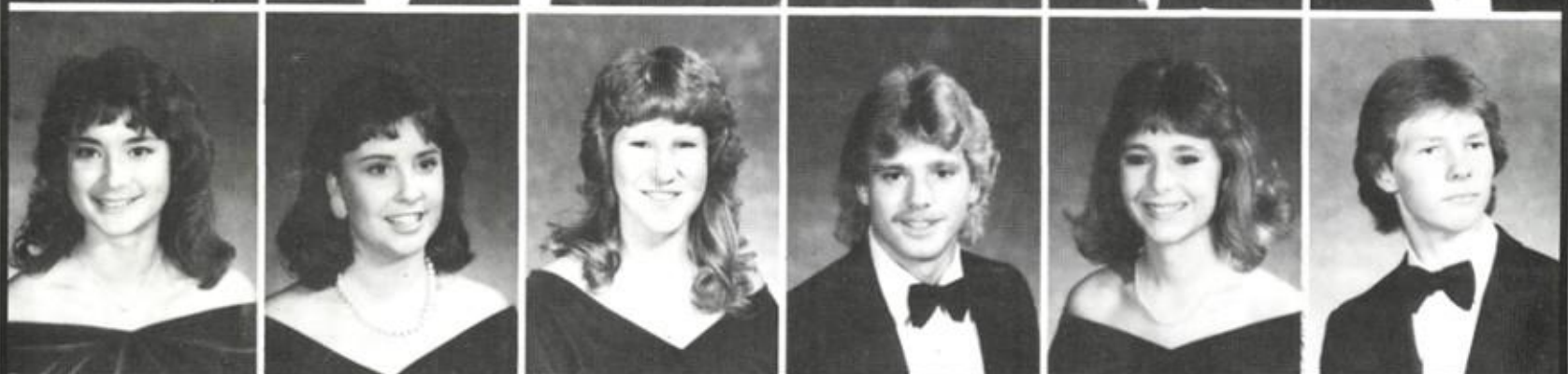
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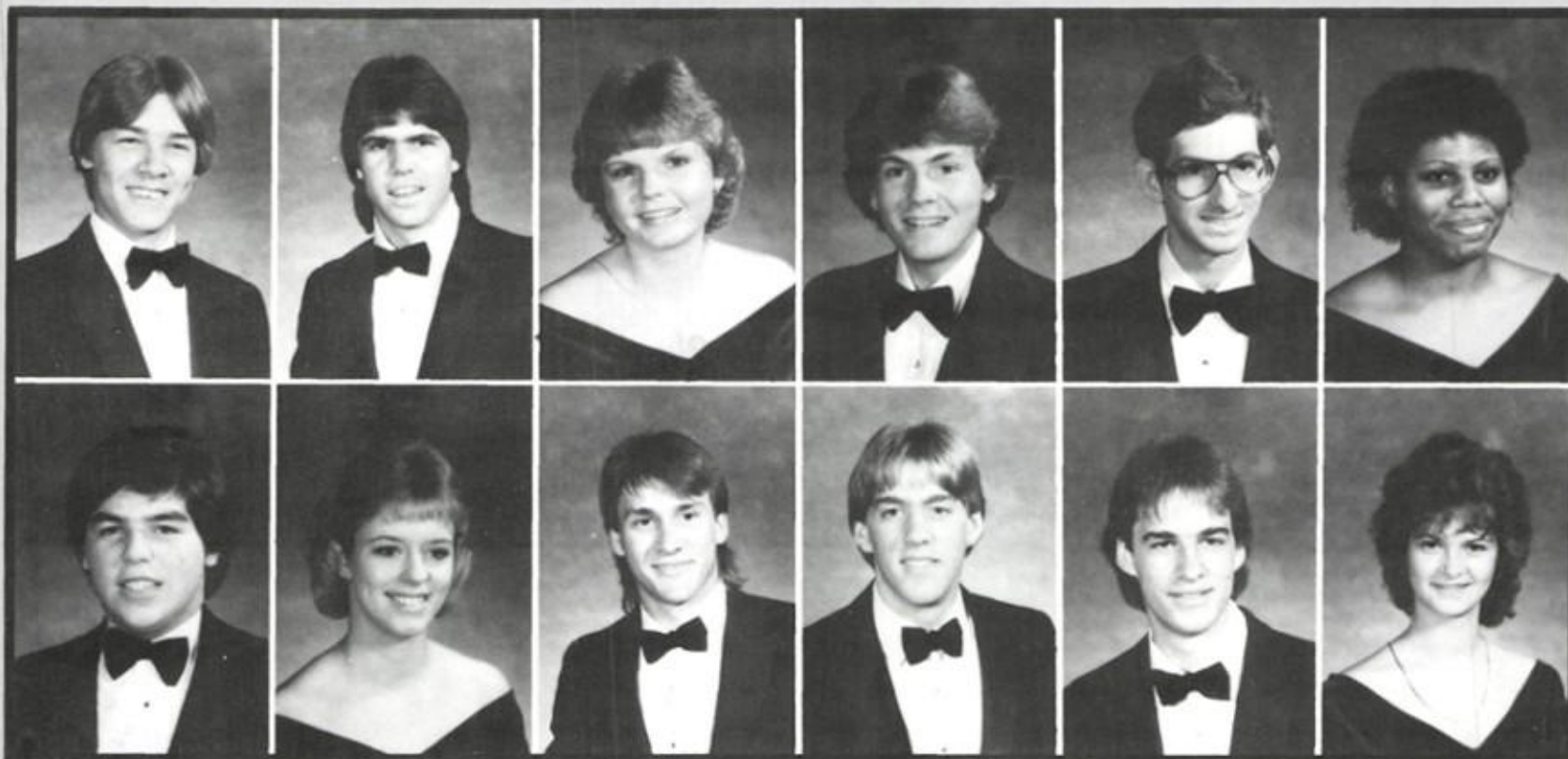


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Senior officers Wade Raper, David Mitchell and Jenny Suk chuckle their way down the road during the homecoming parade on a chilly Saturday morning. Steve Mashman photo.

Rags to Riches Officers regain lost time

Attention all seniors: The senior class of '86 will hold its prom in the spectator gym due to lack of funds received in the past school years. The senior class officers apologize, but they did all they could do.

Luckily, this statement was not read in the announcements or heard over the P.A. system, but it was a thought in the mind of every conscious senior. This lack of money would have saddened their hearts and put a sour taste on their memories of their senior year.

On the contrary, senior president Wade Raper, vice president David Mitchell, secretary Jenny Suk, and treasurer David Kim led the class to a wonderfully climactic

year despite their terrible start.

"At the beginning of the year we only had \$2,000, but two months later we had almost doubled it mainly because the entire class really got involved," said Mitchell.

The progress achieved this year for the senior class was incredible. The officers and the class felt good about the year.

"We had good support from the rest of the class, and with that we achieved what we set out to do," said Raper.

The slow climb to success took four years and it paid off at the end of that wonderful fourth year. The story of the 1986 senior class was truly one of rags to riches. **Story by Chad Rueffer.**

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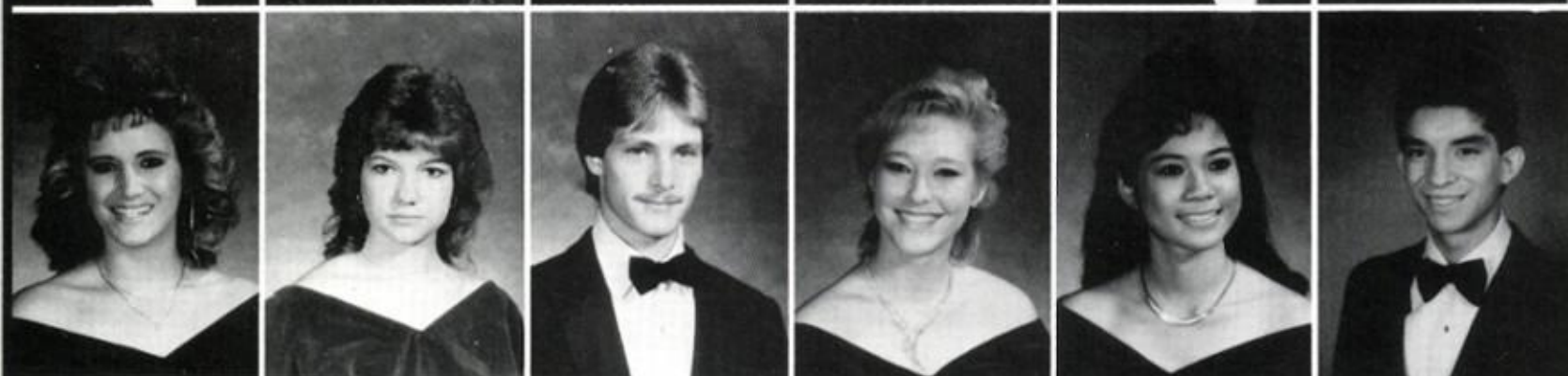
With the diverse lifestyles of the officers, we come up with many interesting ideas which makes for a good class office.
Senior Jenny Suk



Timothy Burson
Julie Burton
Rhonda Bush
Nancy Bustos
Joel Butler
Shelly Cangemi



Christie Capehart
Shawn Cargill
William Carter
Angelia Carty
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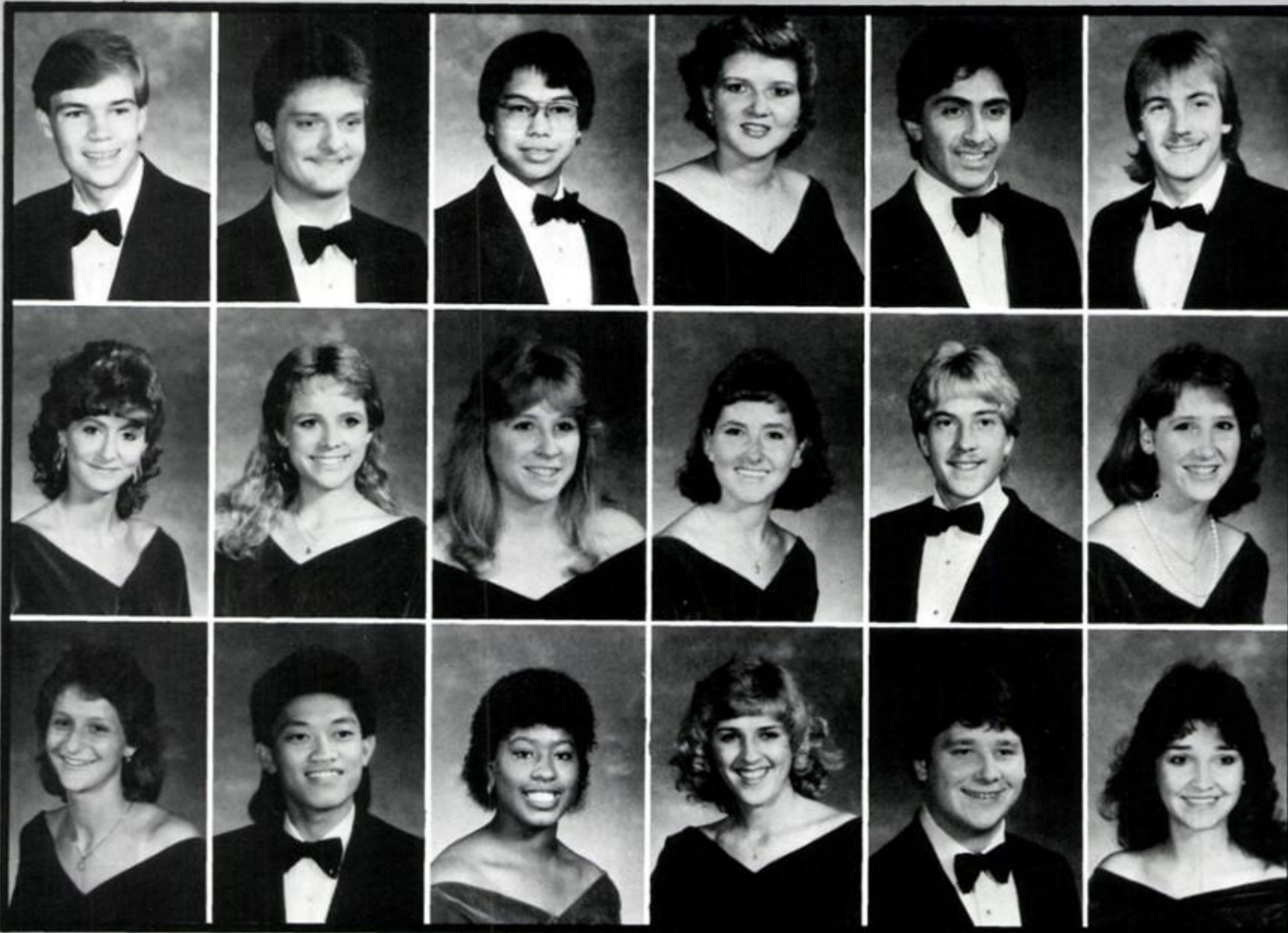


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Initial impressions

SAT, ACT provide preview

As most students slept off late night parties, a group of seniors awoke to spend possibly the four most important hours of their lives.

During those four hours, the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or the American Collegiate Test (ACT) tested students over college level concepts. The tests were used by most colleges as an enrollment requirement.

"As I entered the testing room I was worried and scared because I realized my test performance could determine my college choice and any scholarships I might receive," Senior Deb-

bie Hendrix said.

After completing the test, students waited about six weeks for the results which most students thought was too long.

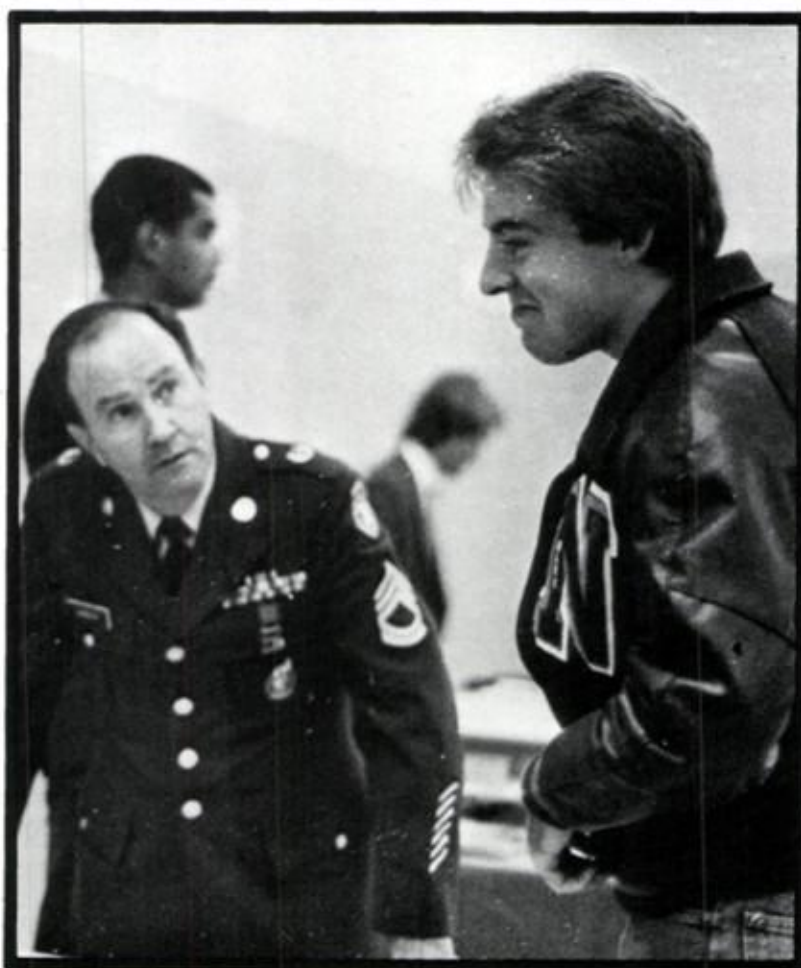
Once a student received their scores they had the option to take either test again because the tests were administered several times during the year. Those who chose to retake either test decided to do so hoping that their scores would improve.

By the time the late night party people awoke, a group of seniors worried about how they had performed. **Story by Wendy Furguson**



*Let me
tell you . . .*

*I was mildly
disappointed,
but I got what
I realistically
expected.
Senior Debbie
Hendrix.*



While attending College Night at Irving High School, Senior Mark Coffman has his questions answered by an Army ROTC officer. In addition to the SAT/ACT, College Night helped prepare students for college. **Shannon Woodson photo.**



**Let me
tell you . . .**

I think the term paper improves writing skills necessary for college; however, I don't think a student should fail if they don't do well.
Senior Deanna Devine



Senior Steve Mashman puts the finishing touches on his term paper. Mashman wrote his term paper on the contrast of 1985 and *Brave New World*. Mashman said, "I really don't mind doing term papers, but I do mind the research involved." Shannon Woodson photo.

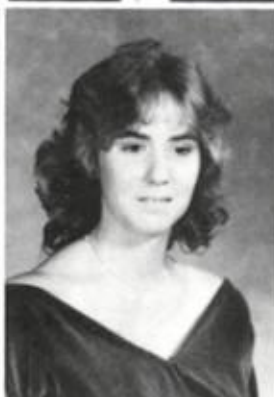
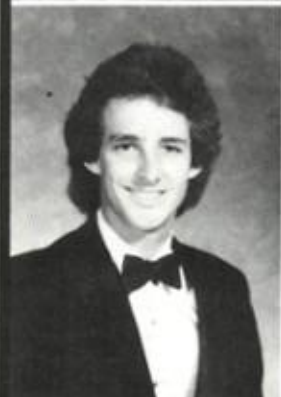
Seniors Rodney Witherspoon, Teresa Caviness, and Charlene Tipton spend an afternoon working on their term papers. As Caviness reaches for a clean sheet of paper, Witherspoon selects a book to research and Tipton makes a correction on her outline. Joe Salinas photo.



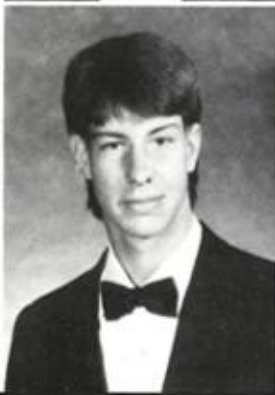
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Greg Ford
Kim Foxx
Robert Fry
Karen Gammon





Nonendearing terms

Seniors analyze British literature

Just when she thought the year of superiority and freedom had arrived, her English teacher assigned the hardest assignment of twelve years of school — the senior term paper.

During a six weeks period, seniors prepared a preliminary outline, thesis, bibliography cards, note cards, rough drafts, and the final typed copy with footnotes.

"I think we should have more time to complete the paper since we have to do it on our own time," Senior Amy Polous said.

Besides the time

period, other restrictions also caused seniors to dread their term paper.

"The main thing I don't like is that we are given very little classtime to work on the paper," Senior Heath Daniels said.

Senior Annie John disliked the stress that the term paper caused.

"The paper counts so much and there are not always sources readily available to back up the thesis," John said.

Although seniors found many disadvantages to the term paper, they also found some advantages.

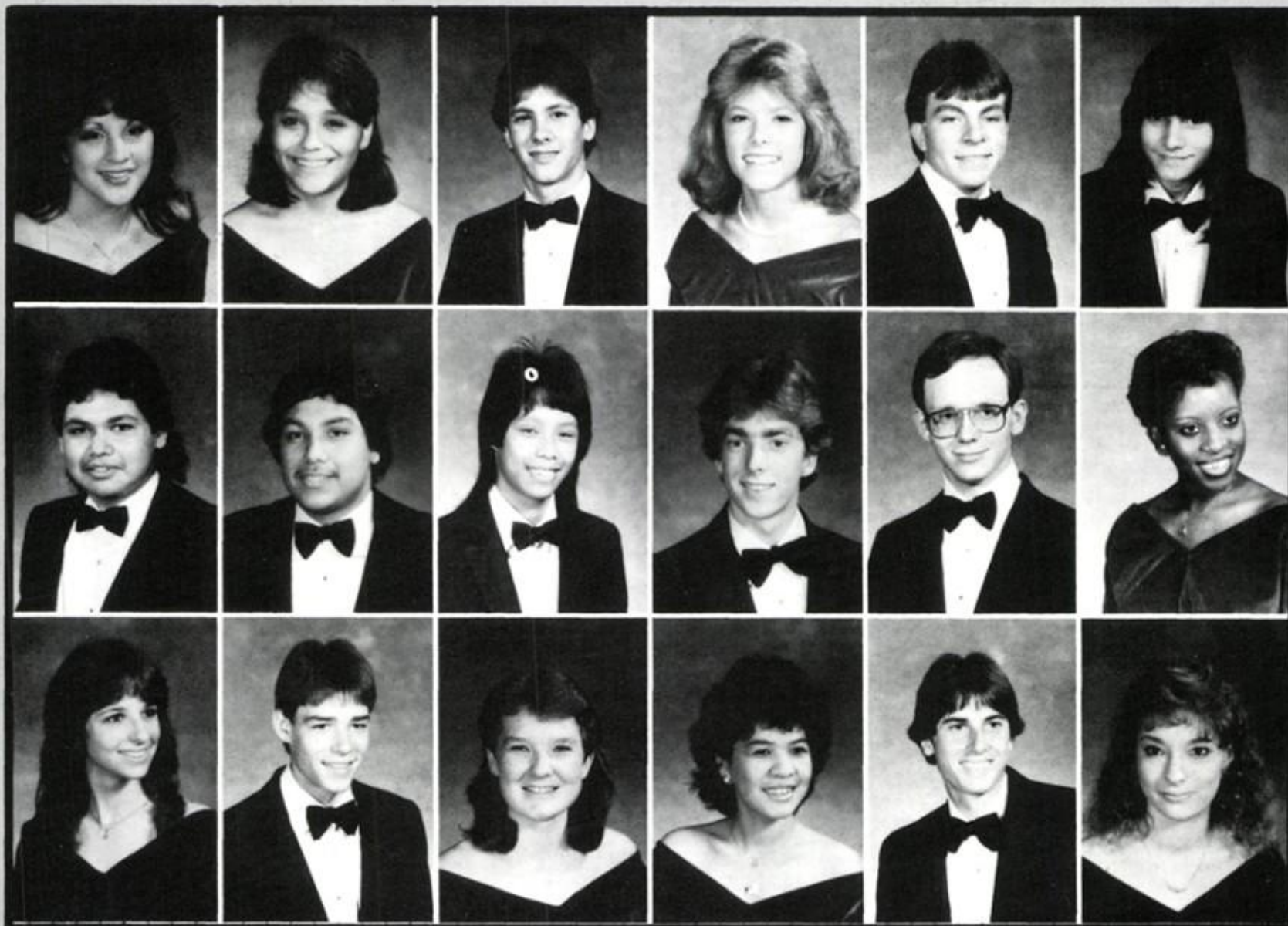
"It increases your library skills," Polous

said.

"The paper allows you to be a critic and provides good experience for college," John said.

"I think the term paper is a good way to improve writing abilities necessary for college, but I don't think it should fail a student for the six weeks," Senior Deanna Devine said.

As she turned in the perfected copy of her term paper, she took a deep breath and realized this paper was like the hundreds she would complete for college. **Story by Wendy Furguson.**

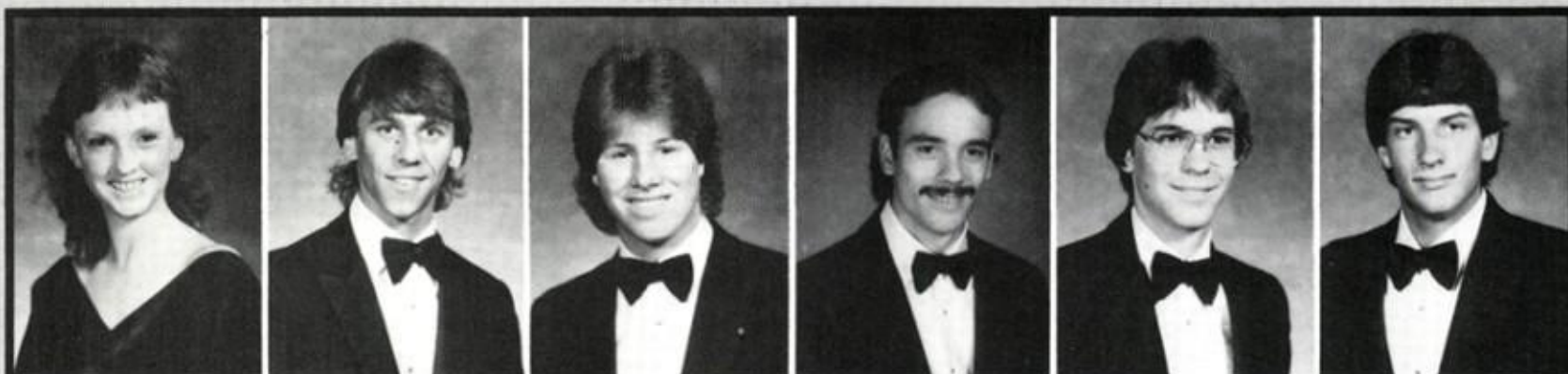


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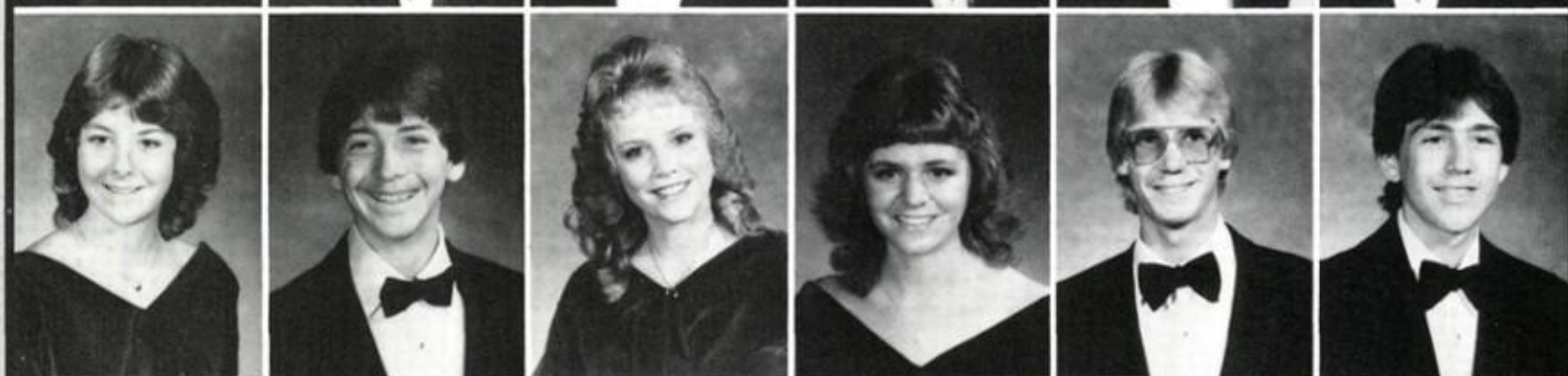
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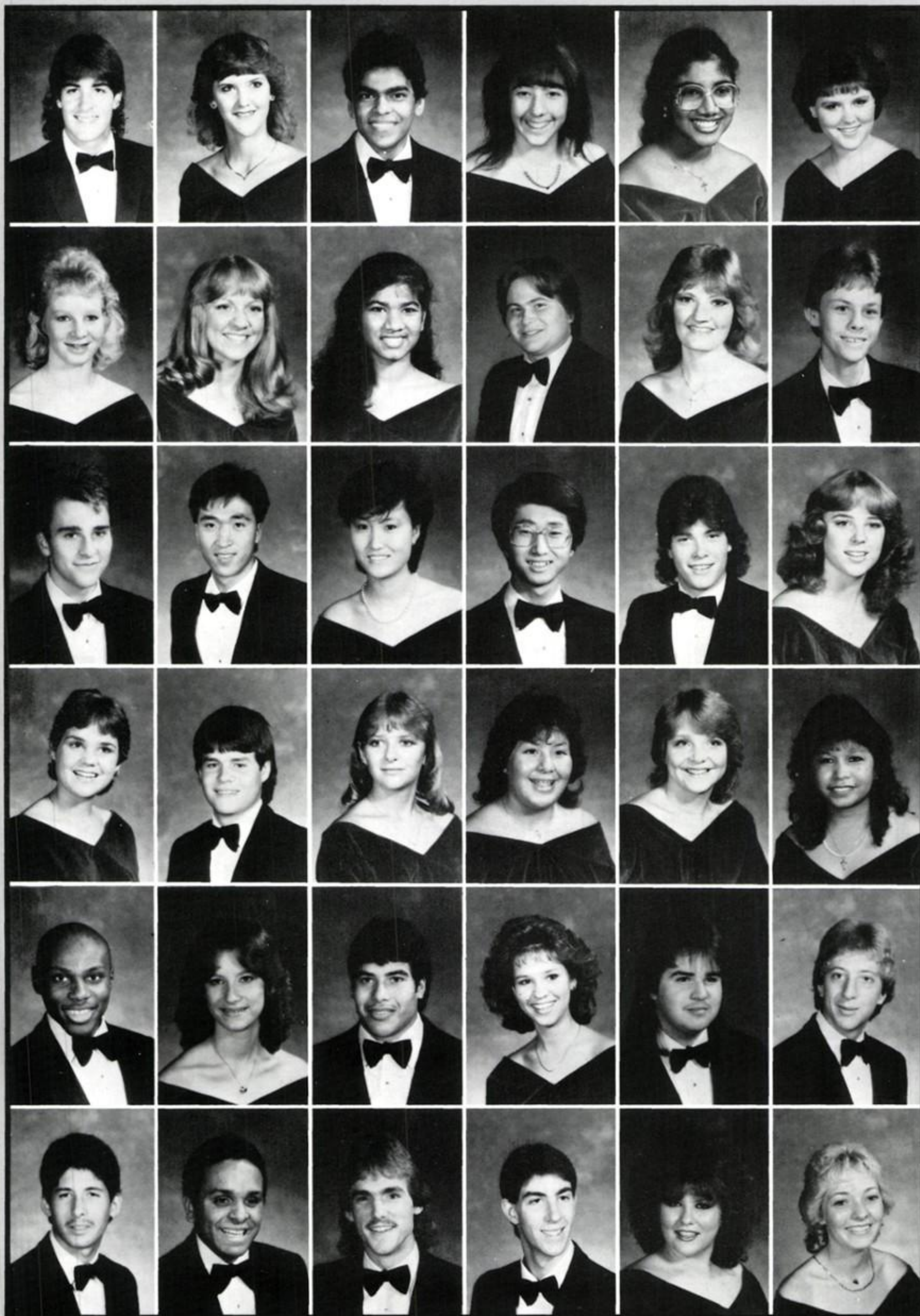
Pocketbook Pressures

Do seniors feel they must pay to graduate



Senior Darrin Stevens jokes with the salesman about his cap size as he is having his head wrapped with a tape measure. There were many representatives from many colleges and companies in the cafeteria selling things to seniors throughout the school year. Many purchased tassels along with their caps and gowns to hang in their cars. Shannon Woodson photo.

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10/23	Panoramic Picture	10 00		
10/30	Homecoming Ribbon	1 00		
11/2	Cash- for Homecoming	60 00		
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11/4	Cap, gown, tassel	18 50		
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4/4	Prom tickets	40 00		
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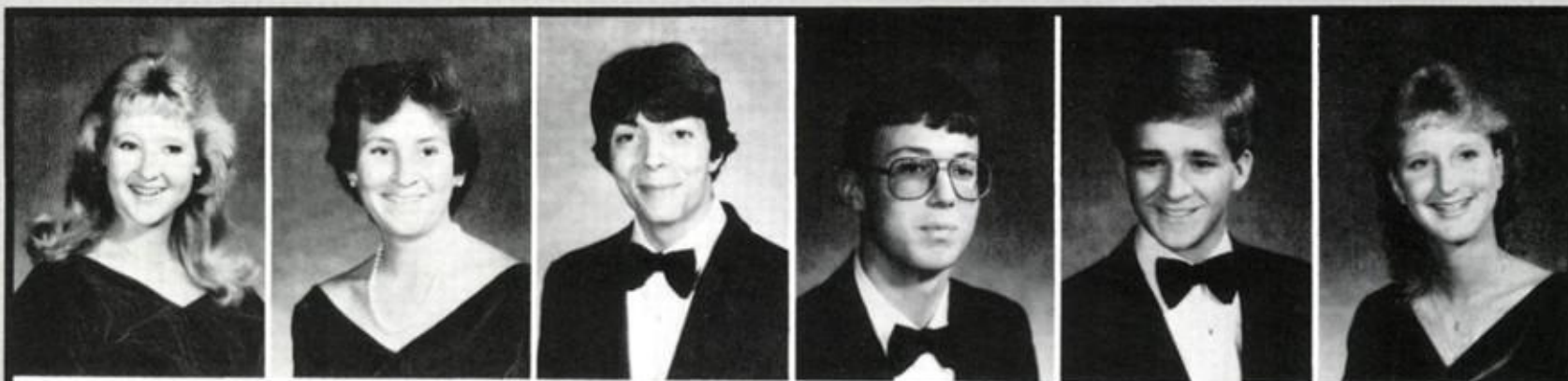
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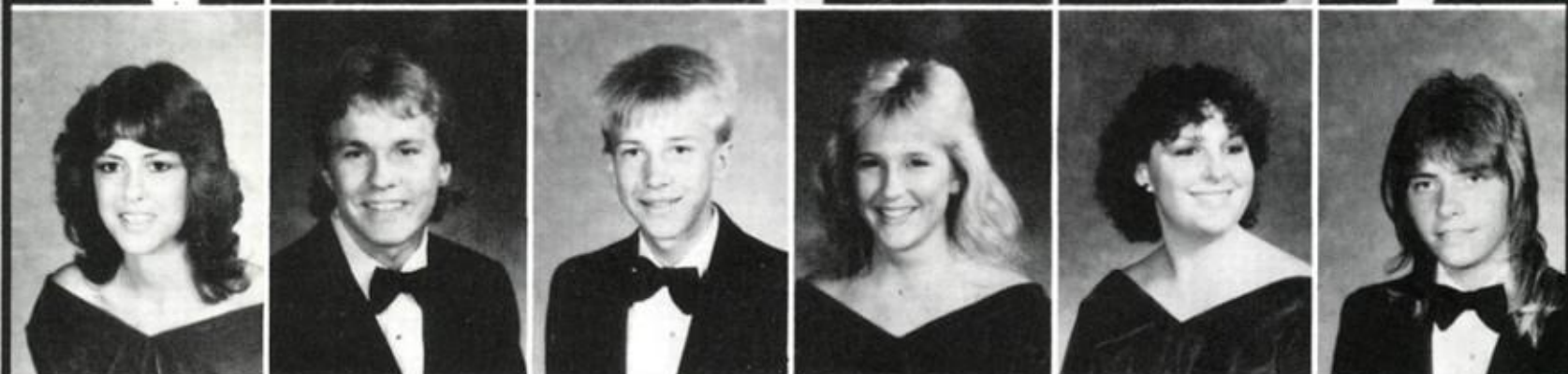
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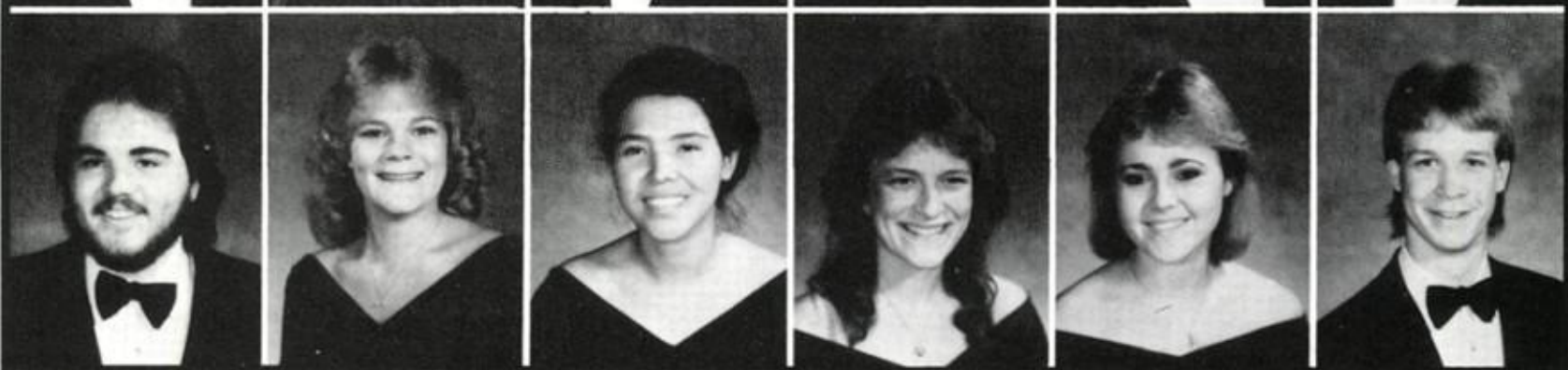
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Shannon Morrison
Rebecca Murray
Josie Nava
Kimberly Neal
Tracye Nicholson
Daniel Nix



High and mighty

Seniors enjoy year of a lifetime



As they walked through the big blue doors on their last first day of school, they were flooded with memories of their first day as high school students.

They remembered how enormous the school was and how crowded the halls seemed. As they scooted farther down the hall on front of the cafeteria they passed by a swarm of seniors that seemed to tower over them. They recalled how much they looked up to them and thought to themselves, "Gosh, those are seniors!"

As the new seniors walked proudly through the halls of "their high school" they could feel those short people looking up at them, and each

chuckled at what they were thinking. No doubt, being a senior was excellent. After all, how much fun, friendship, and privileges can one person handle?

As the year flew by, the activities and good times seemed endless. It all kicked off with a six hour scavenger hunt and continued with the fifth quarter and the senior play.

Their high school careers were rounded off with prom, graduation, and eight glory-filled days in Hawaii. Finally, after saying their good-byes, every senior went his separate way with countless happy memories of his friends, Nimitz, and their senior year. Story by Melinda Jones.



Let me tell you . . .

I like being a senior because I'm not a junior anymore. Besides that, you can care less what people think about you. Senior Tommy O'Donnell.

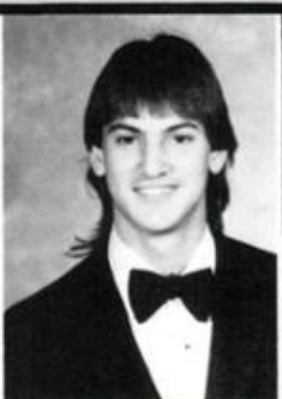
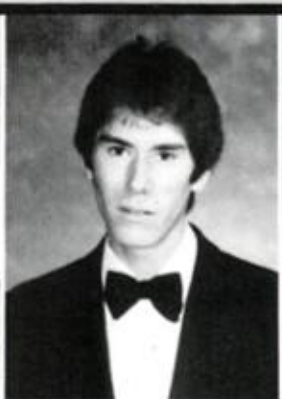
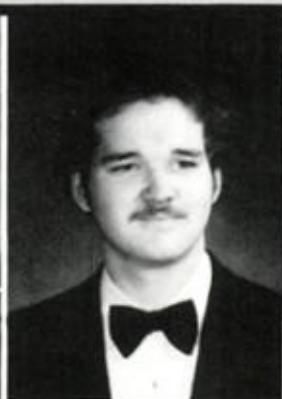
Being a senior is great because you can cut in the lunch line and noone stops you. Senior David Kim.

Seniors Darrin Kilsby, David Mitchell, Frank Griffith, Wade Raper, David Kim, Misty Rogers, and Jenny Suk take a break from swimming. These seniors took time out of their hectic summer schedules to go and see the sights in Oklahoma. Gary Schepf photo.



Darren Nix
Sang O
Michelle O'Rand
Sheri Oakley
Tommy O'Donnell
Cristie Parrish

Teresa Parsons
Donald Payne
Ronald Perry
Paul Pickett
Troy Pickett
Robert Pierce



Karen Pinson
Penny Podell
Amy Polous
Jeff Power
Diana Puente
Rodney Puente



The big drop

Who will survive?

Many worries were placed upon the already heavy shoulders of seniors as graduation got closer and closer. Most put up a big front when asked about college. "I'm going to party in college" was the remark most often said by college-bound seniors.

The question raised here is, "Can one keep up with all the hard work without feeling the pressure to party all the time?"

To most, all college is about is partying. Senior Darrell Ingram devised a plan on how he would handle the situation.

"I've got it all planned out," said Ingram. "My first year I'm going to study, after that I will party."

College doesn't last just one year, but getting past that first year, or even the first week of the first year, is the difficult part.

Students going to major universities were the ones most worried about that first week.

Donna Mason, who will be attending the University of Texas at Austin said, "I think college will be fun. I'm just a little worried about all the people, and whether I can handle the pressure put on by them to study."

The thing seniors most anticipated about college was the massive herd of the opposite sex.

"I look forward to meeting all of the sophisticated, intellectual women in college," said David Kim who will be attending Southern Methodist University.

Going to college is a big transition to be made after having seniority over Nimitz, but the transition will be fun for most. **Story by David Mitchell.**

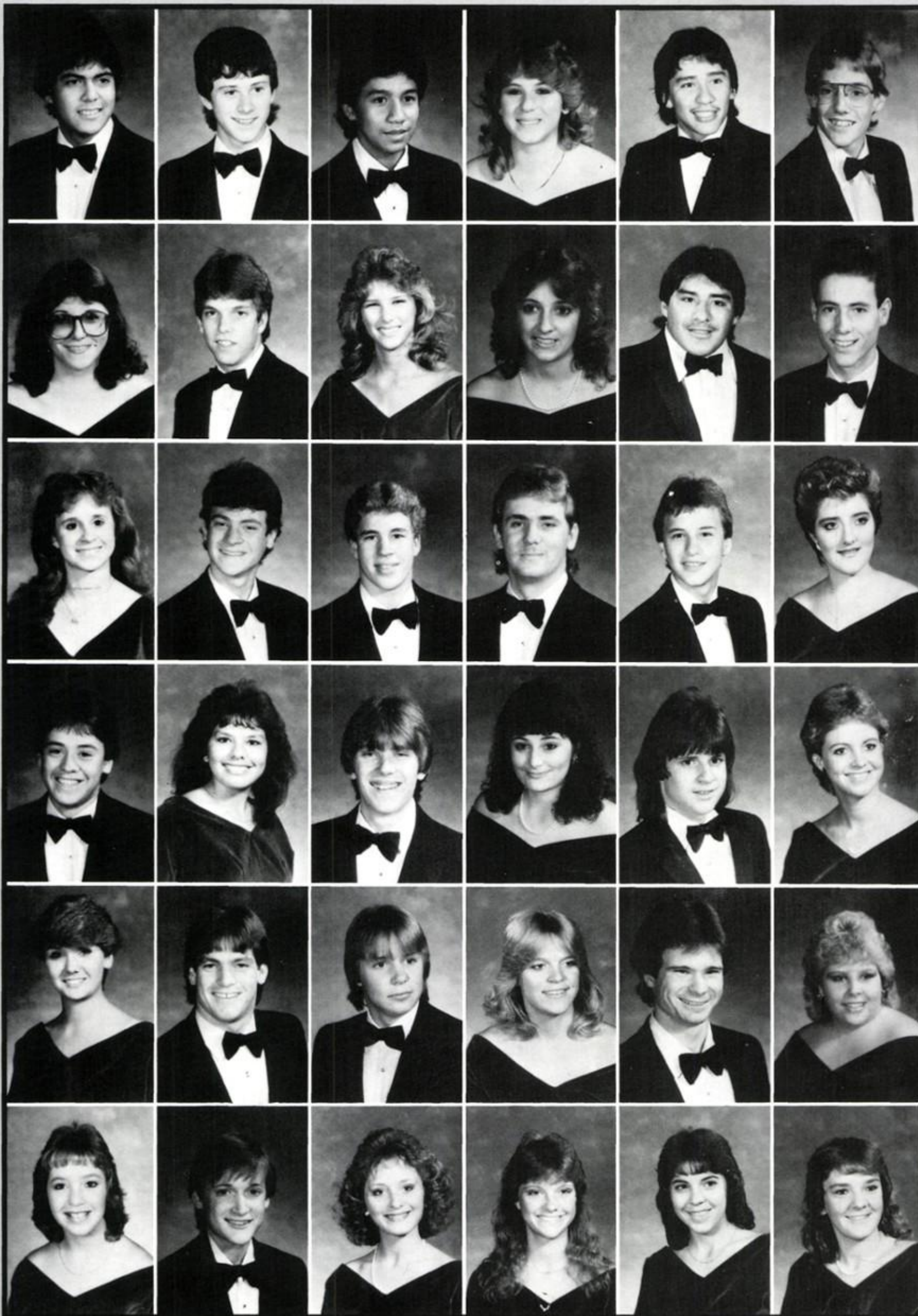


Let me tell you . . .

I don't feel that I am very prepared for college. Staying home on weekends is going to be very hard, especially while all of my friends are out having fun at all of the parties. It is going to be a big change. Senior Darrin Kilsby



Looking on, Senior Robyn Werberig waits for the college representative to finish talking to Senior Steve George. Many student couples will be splitting up after graduation, but some plan to go to college together. **Shannon Woodson photo.**



Johnny Puentes
John Pugh
Fernando
Quiambad
Tanya Radford
Edward Ramirez
Wade Raper

Pam Rawlins
Billy Ray
Jenny Read
Rebecca Read
Gabriel Redondo
Bard Reian

Christine Reid
Marvin Reynolds
Douglas Rhodes
Keith Ribble
Brian Rich
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Danny Robles
Diana Rodriguez
Aaron Rogers
Misty Rogers
Jonathan Romo
Kimberly Root

Linda Rounsaville
Michael Rushing
Ricky Sanders
Vanessa Sanford
Cliff Satterfield
Michele Savela

Sherri Schmidt
Kirk Seace
Kelly Shackelford
Deborah Sherrell
Tiffany Shumate
Christine Simmons

From start to finish

Friends spend last year together

It all began twelve years ago. Some very young, very curious first graders became acquaintances, and as time went by these youngsters came to be the very best of friends.

Many friendships started off perfectly right from the beginning.

"I first met Paul (Evans) while playing king of the mountain in first grade," Senior Troy Pickett said. "We've been best friends ever since." "I met Wade Raper because we got into a fight on the playground," said Senior Tammy Fain. "Later on we were on patrol together and we have been friends since then."

Now, after twelve years of sharing the laughter and pain of their childhood and teenage years, it

was time to say good-bye. After the last diploma had been handed out and the closing prayer at the graduation ceremony was given, these life long friends held on to each other, realizing they would no longer be together like they had been in the past years.

"Saying good-bye to all my friends is the hardest thing I've ever had to do," Senior Paula McRae said.

"Gosh, I still remember back when David (Mitchell) brought his drum set for show and tell," said Senior Wade Raper. "Saying good-bye to him will be tough."

Graduation night was the last time this Senior class would be together as a whole, for from here on there would be someone missing. **Story by Melinda Jones.**



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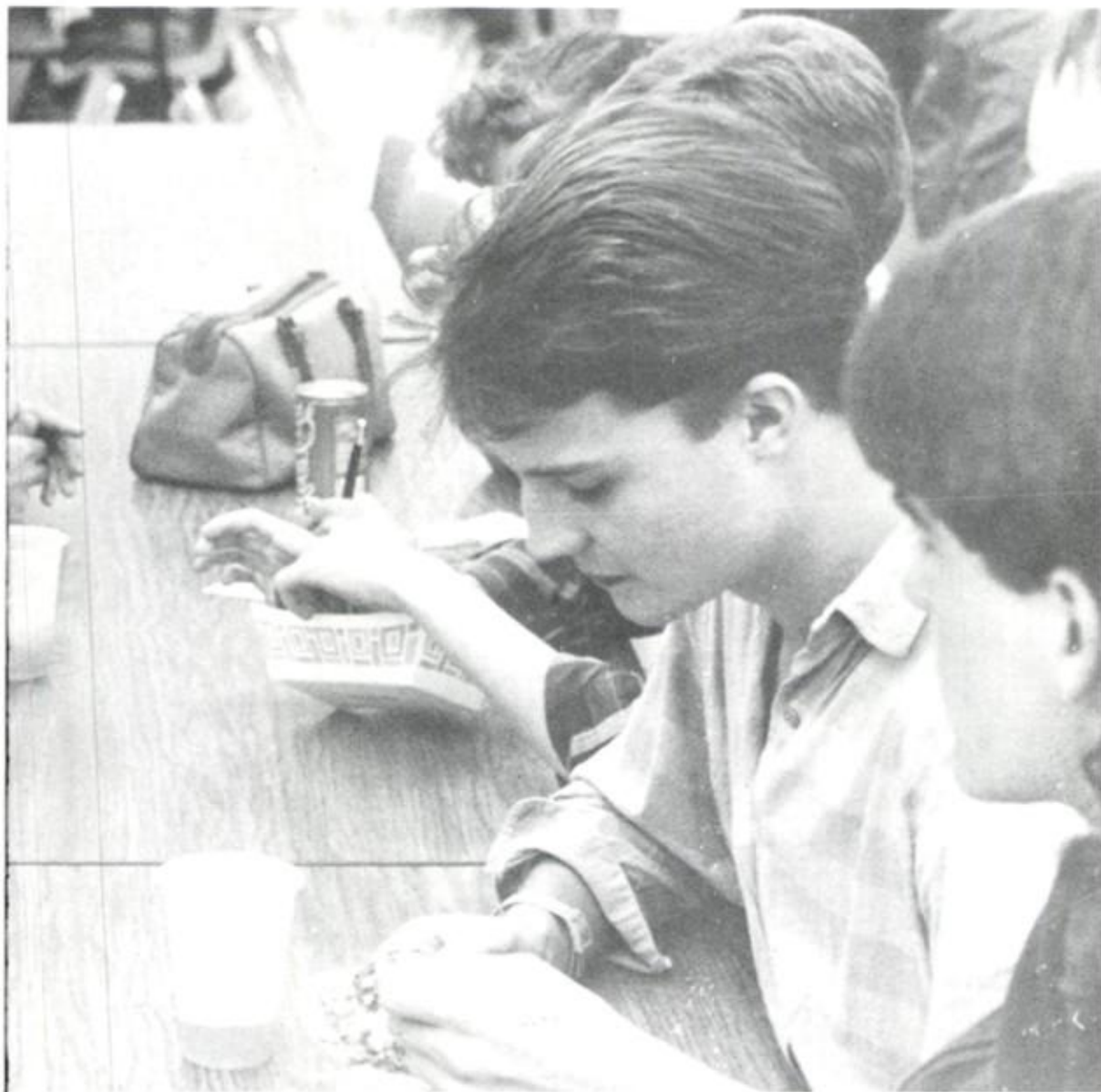


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Alice Stanley
Daren Stevens
Kerry Street
Steve Sturdevant
Jenny Suk



Stacey Sullivan
Carey Sumrall
Karen Sutherland
Alanna Sutton
Dana Sweeney
Cindy Tamayo





Seniors Steve Mordecai and Scott Hunt browse through some old Valhalla yearbooks in their free time. These two have been best friends for many years, and they could be seen doing things together. Both are active members of the marching band. **Melinda Jones photo.**

Seniors Gary Miller, Angie Carty, David Mitchell, and Darrell Ingram have all been good friends since grade school. Miller, Carty, Mitchell, and Ingram could often be seen eating lunch together or simply shooting the breeze. **Joe Salinas photo.**



Julia Taylor
Lisa Terrell
Janet Thiele
Julie Thompson
Charles Tillman
Michael Tobin

Robbin Tubbs
Tonya Tucker
Deanna Uzzle
Maria Valenzuela
Sotero Vasquez
Britt Vaughan

Rachel Veliz
Jamie Victory
Tony Waldroup
Allen Walker
Robbi Walker
Chas Wallace



Let me tell you . . .

I enjoy the pep rallies, but I don't get all that involved as the other seniors do. It seems to be more class competition, and I always thought that pep rallies were for the spirit of our school. Senior Elizabeth Joseph

Seen-Yurs! Seen-Yurs!

Seniors yell for spirit

As beach balls bubbled off heads, a rainbow umbrella shaded a flock of zinc-oxidized noses. Seniors sported leis and Hawaiian shirts to carry out the beach party theme.

Many other themes were used throughout the football season, such as pirate day, royalty day, blue and gray day, bathrobe day and Christmas in October. The themes added the extra punch that has always filled the senior section.

"I was really surprised at all the off-the-wall themes seniors came up with, but I really liked it when we kept the themes a secret. The underclassmen didn't know what to expect," said Senior Daniel Nix.

Throughout the years of high school students wait the chance to participate in the festive activity in the senior section. The freshman class was unfamiliar with the attitude in the air during the pep rallies.

"I was surprised at how the seniors led the spirit at the pep rallies and set good examples of how the spirit at school should be shown," said

Freshman Shonda Prye. "The seniors show what loving your school is all about. I can't wait to show my spirit as a senior."

As students move up in grades they get closer to the long awaited chance to show their enthusiasm. Gaining the confidence to participate and act a little more spirited came with seniority. Senior year meant the chance to act wild and crazy and enjoy it.

There are some seniors that feel the pep rallies are a little out of hand, that they are not centered on what they should be as Elizabeth Joseph said,

"I enjoy the pep rallies, but I don't get all that involved as the other seniors do. It seems to be more class competition, and I always thought that pep rallies were for the spirit of our school."

Whether or not it is class competition or spirit for the whole school, the seniors set the pace for the fall and a standard for classes that follow. **Story by Shannan Long.**

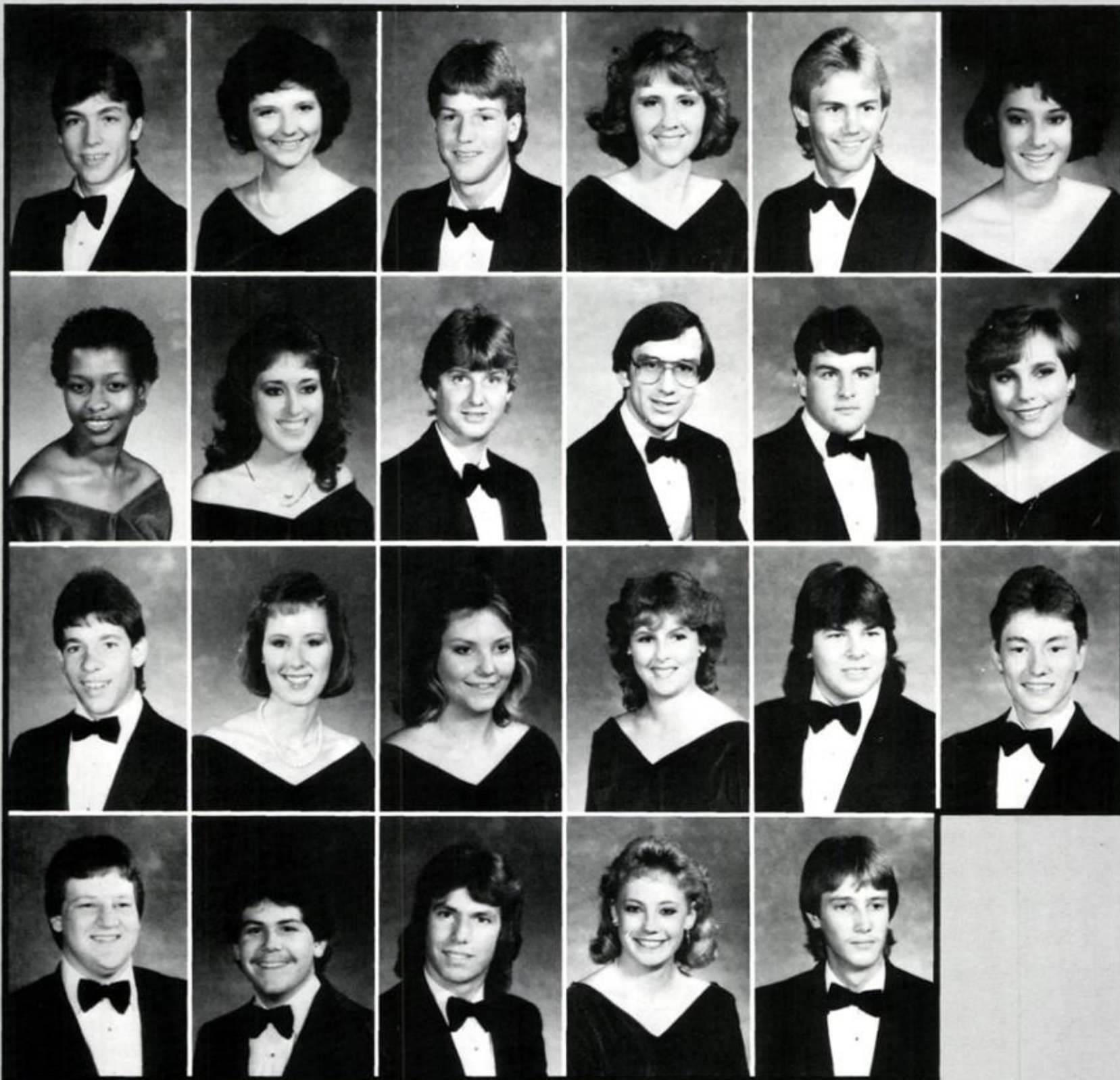
Senior Tim Alfred shows his enthusiasm by participating in the pirate day pep rally. Every week the seniors got together and planned a new theme day such as royalty day, blue and gray day, bathrobe day, and Christmas in October, and pirate day. These surprising themes would come as a shock to the underclassmen. **John Mowry photo.**



Senior Kirk Seace is participating in the "Beach Day" pep rally in a Hawaiian outfit along with many others in the Senior class section. Seniors yell at the top of their lungs and try to out yell their underclassmen and hold in their possession the spirit stick. **Steve Mashman photo.**

Although dressing up seemed rather extreme to the underclassmen and teachers, the seniors did not think so. Seniors Tamra Lyons, Priscilla Barber, and Lisa Jerpi are just three out of the many seniors that liked to display their enthusiasm for the senior class at the pirate day pep rally. **John Mowry photo.**





Stephen Walter
Shannon Warren
Jonathan Watkins
Dorinda Weaver
Steward Wenino ✱
Robyn Werberig

Vickie Wesley
Robin Wesson
William Whitten
Howard Wilkerson
John Williams
Tiffany Williams

John Willms ✱
Tamyra Wilsey
Stephanie Wilson
Elizabeth Winn
Rodney
Witherspoon
Michael Wolfe

Jason Wright
David Young
Michael Young
Shannon Zimlich
Vincent Zost



Seniors Janet Eskew and Juie Burton, Vika officers, rock around the clock with Principal Arlen Cray to some old time 50's music at the pep rally. Steve Mashman photo.

It's not just the money that matters

Leaders spread unity among classes and lift spirit schoolwide

Class officers had a lot of responsibilities placed on their shoulders as they worked hard all year for their class to have fun, raise money, and be unified.

The underclassman officers raised money in many ways. They had car washes, candy sales, dances, and many other regular fund raisers.

"I am very pleased with the way our class is financially," Sophomore president Matt Cartwright said. "Right now I'm just a little worried about our spirit."

While one watched a pep rally, there seemed to be a big emphasis placed on class spirit. The officers were the ones who got the spirit going with ideas such as the "Yell Raisers," a bunch of juniors who seemed to get very spirited after losing the first couple of pep rallies to the seniors.

But spirit was not only winning pep rallies. Spirit was the feeling of being a part of the class you were in. "We are trying to

create more spirit as a celebration of being sophomores," said secretary Sonja Piper, "not just to win a pep rally during football season."

The officers also organized many activities for the classes such as class picnics, football or softball matches against other classes, or going out to eat or to a midnight movie.

"Our class picnic was really fun," said Junior vice president Stephanie Mashman. "It was a great way to start the year."

The sponsors were a big help to the officers in organizing activities and coaching the fund raisers. Through their help their relationships grew, and they became more of a family.

"The officers worked well together and very hard. They all had good ideas," junior sponsor Dottie Rambo said.

Prom was a long way off to most underclassmen, and the officers didn't seem to be very worried about it.

"I feel that we are

doing very well, and by the end of this year we should have \$7,000," said Cartwright early in the year. "We will have a great prom."

"We're a good class with lots of unique people," Piper stated. "Soon we will unite together as one instead of many."

Once the year was off to a good start, the fundraisers and special events were greeted with a hearty welcome. Getting involved in what the school had to offer was often the ticket to making the sometimes long school days less hectic.

"Being the freshman class vice president really helped me too get into the flow of high school things. I want to help my class get through their high school years as smoothly and as far as they can," said Freshman Lance Yuzbick.

Class unity and spirit were what the underclassman officers wanted to achieve, and by the end of the year they had. **Story by David Mitchell.**



Let me tell you

I enjoy taking on the responsibility of being an officer. It's fun seeing people getting involved. Sophomore Matt Cartwright.

Let me tell you

We are a good class with a lot of neat people. Soon we will unite together as one instead of many. Sophomore Sonja Piper.



Junior officers Stephanie Mashman, Dorie Brady, Melissa Power, and Didi Sawyer make a sign to place on the side of their convertible to represent themselves in the Homecoming parade. The officers took a big part in the homecoming festivities along with the rest of the class. **Steve Mashman photo.**



Sophomore class President Matt Cartwright heads out on a janitorial mission to clean up a mess made by a fellow member of the sophomore class during a sign painting party. Whenever Cartwright was seen, he was usually on an errand for the Sophomore class. His hardworking attitude was respected by his peers. **David Mitchell photo.**



The Junior class officers are President Didi Sawyer, Vice President Stephanie Mashman, Treasurer Melissa Power, and Secretary Dorie Brady. **Candy Smilie photo.**



The Sophomore class officers are President Matt Cartwright, Vice-President Dee Busy, Treasurer Jean Jones, and Secretary Sonja Piper. **Candy Smilie photo.**



The Freshman class officers are President Corey Knott, Vice-President Lance Yuzbick, Treasurer Shawn Sutherland, and Secretary Heather Garrison. **Candy Smilie photo.**



Working hard to beat the Seniors, Junior class president Didi Sawyer puts forth her best efforts on a sign to decorate the gym with for the coming pep-rally. The Seniors won the first two pep-rallies, but through the efforts of the Junior officers, the Juniors came alive to compete with the Seniors. **David Mitchell photo.**

Sonja Piper, Sophomore class Secretary, prepares for the next pep-rally in her striving for class spirit. Her goal was finally achieved during the last pep-rally of the season as the Sophomores walked away with the spirit stick. Sonja not only wanted spirit for the class at the pep rallies, but for the class as a whole. **David Mitchell photo.**

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 Pam Adams (09)
 Wendy Adams (09)
 Eric Adler (10)



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 Selena Alaniz (09)
 Tonya Aldridge (09)
 Kevin Alexander (09)
 Renee Alexander (10)



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 Melissa Alley (11)
 Kyle Allred (09)



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 Tina Alspaugh (10)
 Adela Alvarado (11)
 Jocelyn Alvarado (09)
 Aundrea Alvis (09)



Once you step inside . . . Fish feel first day pressure

The first day of high school was so different. The school was much larger and the classes were tougher. Freshmen had to group quickly.

Many freshmen started off on the wrong foot like Bryan Rivers. "I was late on the first day of school. The day, needless to say, turned out to be really fun and a lot better than I expected," he said.

Most freshmen were late to their classes because of the lack of knowledge of the school. "Nimitz was so big that I got lost dur-

ing every passing period," said Linner Vinson.

From junior high school to high school things had really changed. The rules were still about the same, but the teachers were so unusual and the work was harder.

April Threlfall was surprised. "I didn't think high school was going to be that different," she said. "The study habits were more difficult, and it is really up to us to do the work."

Now junior high rivalries from Bowie and Lamar no longer

existed. They had to stand together to protect themselves as freshmen.

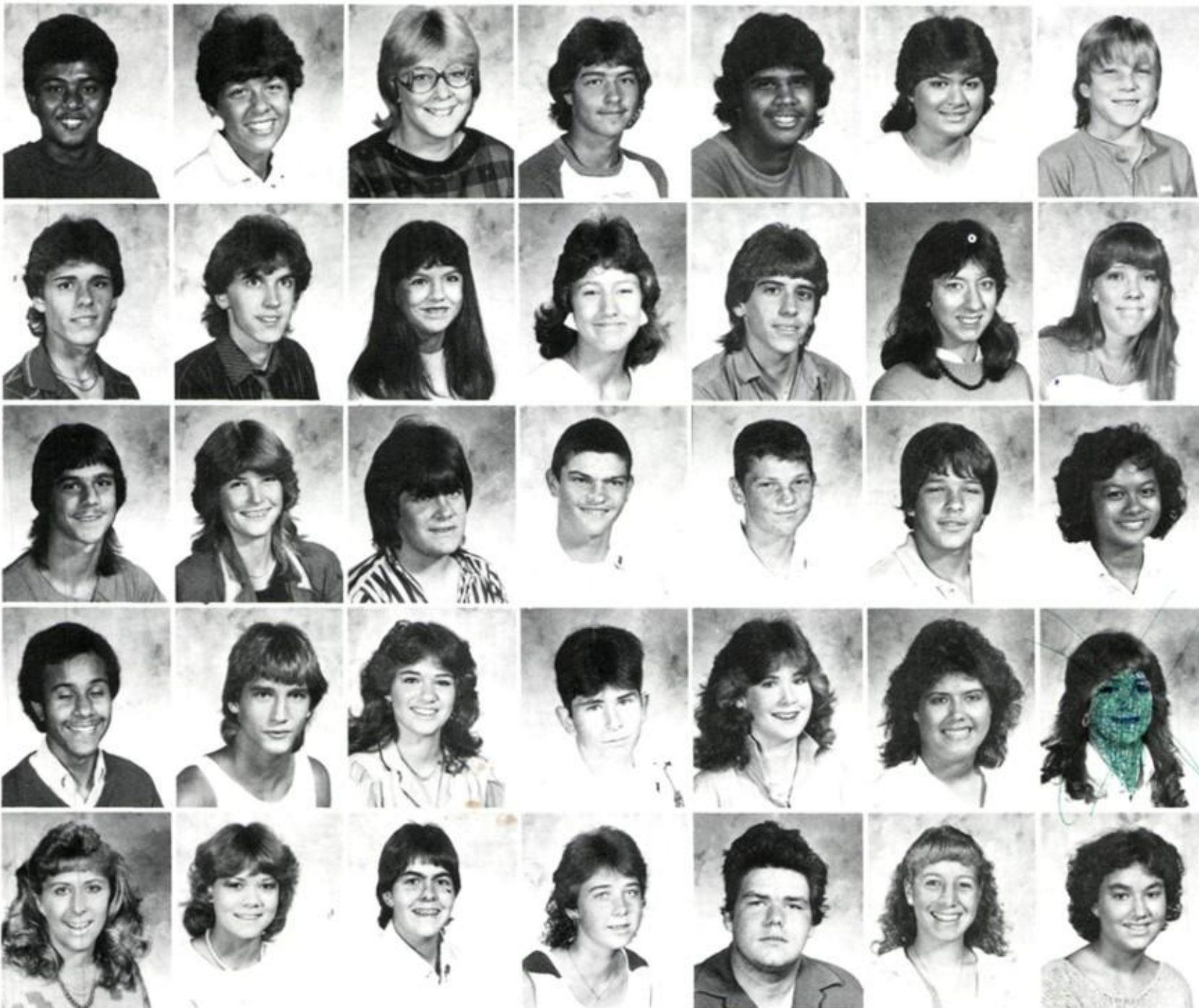
"The rivalries between high schools are so much more involved and rougher compared to junior high," said Tim Simpkins.

As they go through the rest of their school years, their first day of high school will never be the same as it was when they started out as freshmen. **Story by Shannan Long.**



Freshman Rudolph Hernandez tries to be very sneaky with a quick piece of candy to hold him over until it's time to eat at lunch. **Shannan Long photo.**

Freshmen Jason Bealls, Caroline Dwyer, Vanessa Baker, and Yolanda Banda all cram for last minute studying before a test in Jane Moses' 2nd period history class. **Steve Mashman photo.**



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Michelle Bakkedahl (11)
Mary Bales (09)



***Let me
tell you . . .***

I didn't think high school was going to be that different, but the study habits were more difficult and it is really up to us to do the work. Freshman April Threlfall.

Let me tell you . . .

When I get grounded I talk to my parents and then they'll let me off. Junior Renita Harris



Let me tell you . . .

If I bring home a failing grade I am grounded till I bring it up. Sophomore Kelly Barker



Let me tell you . . .

Getting grounded is one of the stupidest things. Sophomore Tamara McPeters



Let me tell you . . .

Getting grounded is probably the worst kind of punishment! Junior Kathryn McVay



Leash on life

Handling the freedom, can you do it?

As we pulled into the driveway, the headlights reflected two familiar objects . . . Mom and Dad. Thoughts ran through my head about what excuse I should use and which one always seemed to work best. The next thought was "Should I face up to my parents or should I run for my life?", but of course, I picked the wrong one; I stayed.

As I stepped from the car, I prayed that they would let this one pass. It wasn't that big a deal, but that wasn't what they thought.

I got the third degree. It was awful. Besides being grounded until the end of my senior year or my life, which ever came first, everything I had ever treasured in my life

was taken away: the car keys, the phone, the T.V., and visitors.

The only thing that I was allowed to do was go to school. I decided I would outsmart my parents by joining every club and extra-curricular activity that the school had to offer. Smart thinkin', huh?

My parents were one step ahead of me; they'd already signed me up for a bus pass. They were actually going to make me ride the bus! This was all too awful to believe. All this was happening to me -sweet little, innocent me. This was really the end of my life.

The first two weeks were absolutely terrible. I actually looked forward to going to school every morning.

Now that's a first.

I was really down and out about all that had happened, and my parents finally realized that I had paid for my mistake. (It sure did take them long enough!).

Now everything is going great. Never again will I do what I did. I paid the price the hard way.

If this story rings a bell, then you know how it feels to be confined to Mom and Dad.

Living it up can be really fun until you get grounded. After a while, you learn how to maneuver your parents into letting you off the hook, but sometimes you have to pay the price by doing the time. **Story by Lara Trahan.**



I get grounded for having guys over when my mother is not home. Sometimes I get grounded when I get caught skipping school," said Freshman Monica Gwin. **Shannon Woodson photo.**

Sophomore Cherie Prothro sits at home bored, while grounded. **Lara Trahan photo.**





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Time will pass, will you?

Students who found the monotonous classroom routine a little unbearable slept, doodled, did homework from other classes, daydreamed, bit their nails, watched the clock or concentrated on their plans for the evening. When caught, however, they suffered the consequences.

Teachers used various methods to make sure students stayed alert in class. They did this by constantly asking questions throughout lectures. This worked

fairly well because students were aware that their turn to answer a question could come up at any time and knowing something about what was going on in a class discussion was better than being totally lost.

Despite how a student chose to spend his time in class, it seemed that time slowly crept by when a pop quiz or special event was to take place. However, when a major test with a hundred questions and two essays was given time seemed to

fly by.

"It's funny when I am in a class I like time goes fast, but when I am in a class I don't like time goes slow," said Senior Jamie Victory.

Regardless of the slow movement of time and the consequences of not listening in class, most students grinned and bore it or took their chances. Five or ten minutes of sleep or cramming for a major test was essential at times. Story by Cindy Tamayo



**Let me
tell you . . .**

I try not to pick on the students, but I feel it is important to get their full attention. Free Enterprise teacher Pat Taylor.





Christopher Bryson (09)
Cedric Buard (09)
Chris Buck (10)
Robin Buckelew (09)
Lee Buckner (09)
Johnny Bugarin (11)
Laurie Burden (09)

Stephanie Burgess (10)
Rodney Burghard (11)
Janet Burkham (09)
Jon Burkhart (11)
Paul Burnett (10)
Donna Burns (11)
Larry Burns (09)

Gary Burris (10)
Robert Burris (10)
April Burton (09)
Carrie Burton (11)
Dan Burzynski (11)
Jeannie Bush (09)
Rebecca Bush (11)

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Benjamin Bustos (10)
Angela Butler (11)
Walter Butler (11)
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Doris Caldera (10)

Mike Calvin (09)
Pete Campa (09)
Reynette Campa (09)
Jaime Canales (10)
Carlita Cangemi (11)
Jeff Cantrell (09)
Cesario Cantu (11)



Junior Sherry Ransom solves a y-intercept problem from her homework assignment as teacher Greg Jackson supervises her progress. Having students work problems on the board was another way teachers tried to keep the student's attention. Chad Windham photo.

Senior Steve Betterton tries to keep his eyes open as he attempts to finish his physical science worksheet. "I would rather go out with my friends than stay home and get a good night's sleep," he said. As a result Betterton often took the opportunity to sleep in class. Erikalyn Ellis photo.

Francisca Cantu (09)
 Mario Cantu (09)
 Raul Cantu (11)
 Tessa Capell (09)
 Lisa Capetillo (10)
 Melissa Cappell (11)
 Oscar Careaga (09)



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 Matt Cartwright (10)



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 Joey Castillo (11)
 Michael Castillo (09)
 William Castillo (10)



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 Larry Causey (09)
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 Kathy Chambers (09)
 Gregory Charlton (11)
 Ricki Chase (09)
 Shane Chastain (10)



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 Jin Choi (09)
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 Paul Chouffett (11)



Dean Chrestman (09)
 Jackie Christopherson (09)
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 Todd Cissell (11)
 Brett Clark (11)
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 Bobby Clay (09)



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 Debbie Clements (11)
 Jon Cleveland (09)
 Tonya Clifton (10)
 Sam Cline (11)
 Jason Coan (10)
Wendye Cobb (09)



Robert Cochrane (11)
 Jennifer Cockerham (09)
 Stacy Coe (09)
 Ricky Coffey (11)
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 Deborah Coffman (11)
 Cheryl Coker (11)



Junior Tracey Beard, along with other students at Nimitz High, selects the style of her senior ring. This was done by many juniors in preparation for their senior year. Candy Smilie photo.



Let me tell you...

I wanted a senior ring to symbolize my twelve years of education, including these at Nimitz.
Junior Bertha Villareal



Ring first step to Seniorhood

Class rings date from Ancient Egypt, B.C. to Nimitz High 85



A representative from Balfour helps Junior Sheila Rice make the final decisions on her 1987 class ring. Rice, like many other students, found it hard to choose the details on the ring. After some time, Rice decided on her own original combination of a sapphire, the words Nimitz High School, and the year 1987. Joe Salinas photo.

So many choices on such a little ring: colors, stones, classes, initials, diamonds, sizes, and designs. The possibilities now of having a senior ring like any other is probably one in a hundred.

In the past years, schools and universities around the country voted on one style of a senior ring that all graduates would wear. But, like everything else in the world, this changed and senior rings keep changing.

In the early 1900's the class ring evolved and took the place of the class pin. The first class rings were crude and consisted of a shank with the symbol of the old class pin attached to the top of the ring. These early rings became so popular that manufacturers refined their techniques to add to the rings' popularity. Stones were added and more intricate dies were cast permitting

much more detailed work on the rings.

"My mother bought my class ring for me for Christmas. It cost \$150. The ring has my name on one side and Cosmetology on the other," Junior Sheryl Hill said.

However, other students had difficulty in finding ways to pay for their ring. While a student, history teacher Carol Pier, worked at 35 cents an hour babysitting to earn the \$17 needed to pay for her senior ring. Pier said, "I was so excited the day I picked up my ring from school. I wore it all the way home waiting to show my mother. As I rushed to the house, it got caught in the front door and was demolished. I never wore the ring again but I cherish it because of the memories." Alan Shepard, America's first man in space, also cherishes his ring.

Since the only personal possession he took along on his historic flight was his ring from the U.S. Naval Academy, it served as a good luck charm.

At the end of each year, the seniors at Nimitz High School pass over their position to the juniors. This ceremony is called "Senior Preview," meaning a special way to say good-bye.

As the seniors approach, their rings are turned so that the inscription is readable only to them. After all have passed through the archway, they will turn their rings so that the inscription is readable to everyone, signifying to all that they have successfully completed those requirements, obligations, and responsibilities necessary for high school graduation. Story by Lynda Kain.

What you hate most about the opposite sex . . .

Girls hate it when . . .

... guys think they're too fine for their skin!

Ms. Katie Rawlinson

... my ex-boyfriend goes out with my best friend!

Senior Angie Carty

... they think they are always right, just because they're men.

Ms. Carol Pier

... they brag on their cars!

Sophomore Claudia Donaldson

... guys walk funny because their jeans are too tight.

Freshman Vickie Wesley

... men think a car, stereo, or money can substitute for a personality!

Ms. Carrie Skeen

... my date looks at other girls!

Senior Linda Rounsaville

... they strut!

Sophomore Stacy Hayes

... I hear a guy use the same lines on different girls.

Senior Shannon Zimlich

... guys pick on me and think that I love every minute of it!

Senior Bridget Doser

Guys hate it when . . .

... girls make my plans for me.

Senior Sotero Vasquez

... girls put their makeup on over and over again in the same class!

Sophomore Shane Chastaire

... girls are too emotional!

Junior Cory VanVolkenburg

... girls talk in 'little kid' voices and think they are so cute.

Freshman Daniel Lamaza

... girls I know don't talk to me!

Senior Billy Ray

... girls try to push me into serious relationships.

Coach John Kras

... girls purposely stick out their hips when they walk.

Junior Frons Dennis

... girls make a point of being late, all the time!

Vice-Principal Bill Althoff



Although Sophomore Dana Hood and Senior John Romo have been dating for over a year, they admit that they sometimes get on each other's nerves. "I really like Dana but it bothers me when she messes up my rear view mirror in my car to put her makeup on," said Romo. Joe Salinas photo.

Let me tell you . . .

One thing that guys do that really gets on my nerves is when I am talking to one and he says 'man' after every other word. Freshman Amy Ford



Let me tell you . . .

Although they all bother me, the ones that bother me the most are the ones who don't have the guts to talk about a guy until he is gone. Senior Bobby Hastings



Juniors Kate Vitasek, Carletta Cangemi, and Senior Shelly Cangemi give their full attention to Junior Matt Hafer during their lunch period. Hafer said, "I hate it when I am talking to a girl and she looks at other guys that walk by." Joe Salinas photo.



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 Kevin Dupree (10)





"May I see your driver's license" was a statement that gave most high school students butterflies. Sophomore Stacye Hayes tries to explain her way out of a jam that was common to many students. **Candy Smilie photo.**

"Step out of the car slowly, please . . ."



Let me tell you . . .

Handling my ticket was easy compared to handling my parents. Sophomore Erin Daniels

The mean, old judge gave a stern look and barked, "How do you plead?"

The young speeder muttered, "Guilty, but I would like to take defensive driving, if at all possible, sir."

The situation was dramatized, of course, but the scene was very real to many students.

"I got a ticket for running a stop sign," confessed Junior Tony Young, "and although the policeman was kind of rude, I got off easy because the judge let me take defensive driving."

The defensive driving course was a popular alternative to

avoid a ticket and insurance rate increase. Although the course did compensate for a ticket, it often ruined a perfectly good Saturday.

"I thought taking the defensive driving course would be the easy way out of my ticket, and I guess in the long run it was, but it sure was boring," said Junior Nick Elizondo.

Facing the judge's sentence was sometimes more comforting to students than facing their parents' punishments.

"I was in a hurry to get to school, when a policeman pulled me

over," admitted Sophomore Erin Daniels, "but handling the ticket was easy compared to handling my parents when they found out."

Whatever the cause or effect of getting a ticket, young offenders learned their lesson one way or another.

Handling tickets, judges, fines and parents, convinced many students to stay free of the grasp of the long arm of the law. **Story by Ernie Cote.**

Let me tell you . . .

I got off easy because the judge let me take defensive driving. Junior Tony Young



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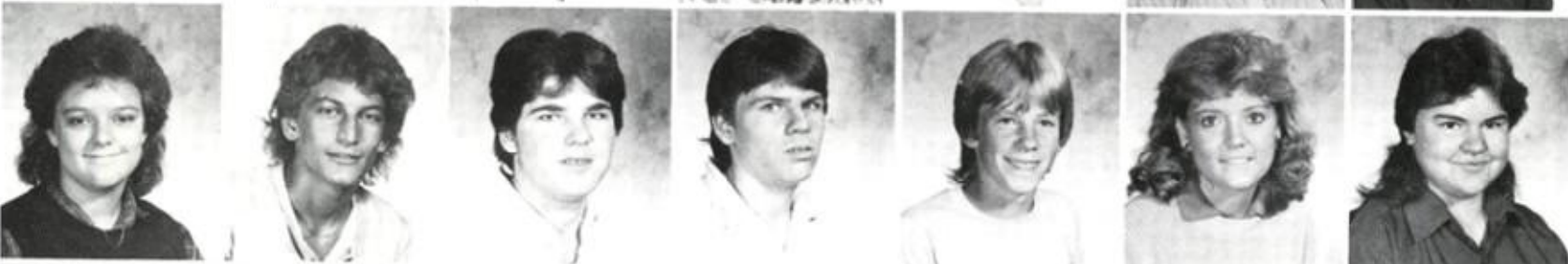
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 Mark Gilbert (09)

Emergency Nurses to the rescue

DAILY CLINIC REGISTER

DAY	DATE	SCHOOL
Thursday	11-14-85	N.H.S.
8:15	Cafeteria employee dropped pan of ice on head; bleeding	
9:10	Student needed change of clothes; had broken zipper	
10:15	Janitor had seizure in courtyard; paramedics arrived	
11:23	Student had strip of plastic in back of throat; was taken to hospital	
12:30	Right ankle (inside of foot) hurt	
1:15	Neck hurt in collar (wanted to go home)	
2:10	Student vomiting; went home	

In addition there were:

2 needs to rest
 2 check temperatures
 5 take medication
 3 ice packs
 6 stomach aches
 1 allergies
 2 red eyes
 2 needed bandaids

Rose Villareal, R.N. admitted that this was an out-of-the-ordinary day. "Along with the 'headache, stomach ache, don't feel good sort of problems',

the paramedics had to come out twice within one hour!" Villareal said.

Being from Irving Fire Department, paramedics, Phil Riddle and Kyle Rohr commented, "This was a day to remember." They told that they're usually called to schools once every three months, never twice in one day.

Story by Lynda Kain.



Let me tell you . . .

Our busiest times in the day are 2nd, 3rd, and 5th periods. But today we had an overloading 28 students, before 11:30 AM! Since my aid, Linda Nix, only works two days a week, this left me with a lot of work. Rose Villareal RN



Nurse, Rose Villareal calls a parent informing them of a student's "wanting to go home." During a regular day, the clinic assists up to 40 students. They complain about anything from headaches

and stomachaches to being tired. Most students are asked if they think they can stay in school, otherwise they are sent home. Steve Mashman photo.



**Let me
tell you . . .**

***I can't live
without a Piz-
zazz Pizza
from Taco
Bell because it
outdoes my
mom's cook-
ing any time!***
**Junior Kelly
Arnold**

Snack Attack

The unstoppable craving

I imagine waiting in a long line at Jack in the Box, tapping the car window to Eagle 97, that triple cheeseburger loaded with lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, and dripping with ketchup just waiting around the corner.

Students eat at many different fast food restaurants. Everyone had their own favorite order they just could not do without.

"I need a chocolate milkshake and fries from McDonald's to keep me going," said Sophomore Shanda Dobyanski.

The average student spent around \$20 a week on junk food. Many students blew

more money in the drive-thru window than anywhere else each week.

"I hate to eat food that's good for me, so I spend around \$25 a week on junk food," said Sophomore Dana Bailey.

Parents don't always agree with their child's eating habits because there is usually food at home. But students could not resist that Big Mac around the corner.

That big, juicy cheeseburger tops all the complaints from mom. It's worth all the extra money spent for that craved taste called junk food. **Story by Dana Pyfer.**



Freshman Chris Windham goes to join his friends at their table in Jack in the Box. Windham said, "I need that Bacon Cheeseburger to dazzle my tastebuds and fill my stomach." Fast food restaurants are always a place where students meet friends while satisfying their craving for a hamburger, taco, or pizza. **Chad Windham photo.**

Survey proves Mickey D's number 1

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|---------------|--------------------|
| 1. McDonald's | 6. Burger King |
| 2. Taco Bell | 7. Wendy's |
| 3. Arby's | 8. Jack in the Box |
| 4. Sonic | 9. Pizza Inn |
| 5. Grandy's | 10. Whataburger |

Christopher Gill (09)
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Sandra Givan (09)
Connie Glennon (10)
Cheryl Glover (10)



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Lovera Gomez (09)
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John Hamilton (09)
Denise Hamlin (10)



**Let me
tell you . . .**

***I was impressed
with all the ef-
fort that was put
into the pep
rallies and the
enthusiasm each
class displayed
this year. Junior
Clint Parsons***

'Class, yell louder'

Even teachers said to yell and have fun

"We've got spirit! Yes we do! We've got spirit! How about you?"

Who did have all the spirit at the pep rallies this year? The seniors, notorious for being wild and crazy? Or the underclassmen who shouted out V-I-C-T-O-R-Y, and then quickly sat down before being noticed?

This year it was hard to tell which class climbed the highest up the spirit scale, but it was obvious that all together Viking pride hit an all-time high.

What started out as a yelling competition between the classes

soon developed into an all out spirit raiser for the entire student body.

"The pep rallies this year are the best we have had in a long time," math teacher Mrs. Barbara McVay said. "Everyone seems to be enjoying themselves this year."

But what about the objects of all this attention?

Varsity kicker, junior Clint Parsons was glad to see people getting involved. "I think the pep rallies are great, and it is good to see everyone getting into it. It gives us a lift and 'peps' us up," Par-

sons said.

Pep rallies were a free-for-all where everyone gathered in the spirit of competition. The beat from the pep rally that set everyone's hands to clapping and feet to stomping continued every Friday evening as the band, Vikas, cheerleaders and the football players marched out on to the field and over the opponents. "They give us a chance to work together in showing our spirit," varsity cheerleader Michelle DeFreece said. **Story by Ernie Cote.**



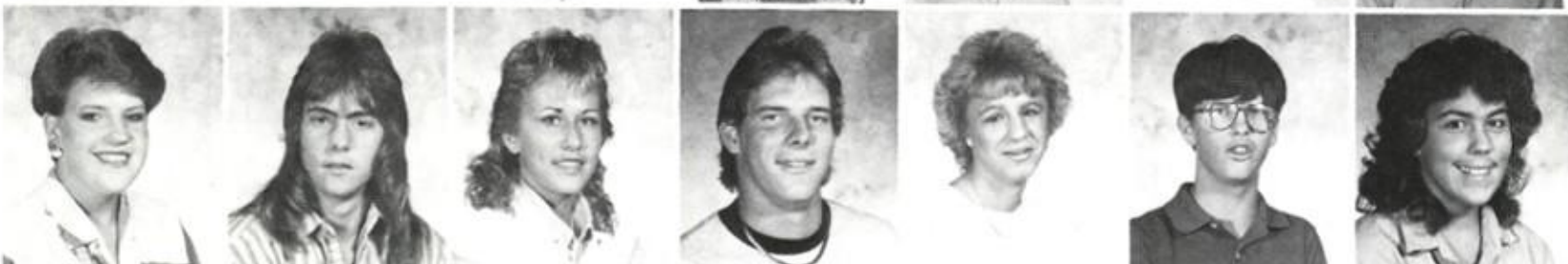
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Just clowning around, juniors Peter Allen, Andy Oseid, Rodney Hegwood and Nick Elizondo show their spirit. 'Clowning Around' was just one of the many themes schemed up to compete with the seniors for the spirit stick. Joe Salinas photo.

Winning the spirit stick calls for celebration, which is exactly what juniors Hung Trinh, Tresha O'Connor and Jose Longoria did. The involvement displayed by each class this year made strong competition for the spirit stick. Shannon Woodson photo.



Joe Helms (11)
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 Mark Hollgrath (09)
 Angela Holloway (09)
 Joe Holloway (11)



Marie Hollwedel (09)
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 Gary Howard (10)
 Billy Howell (09)



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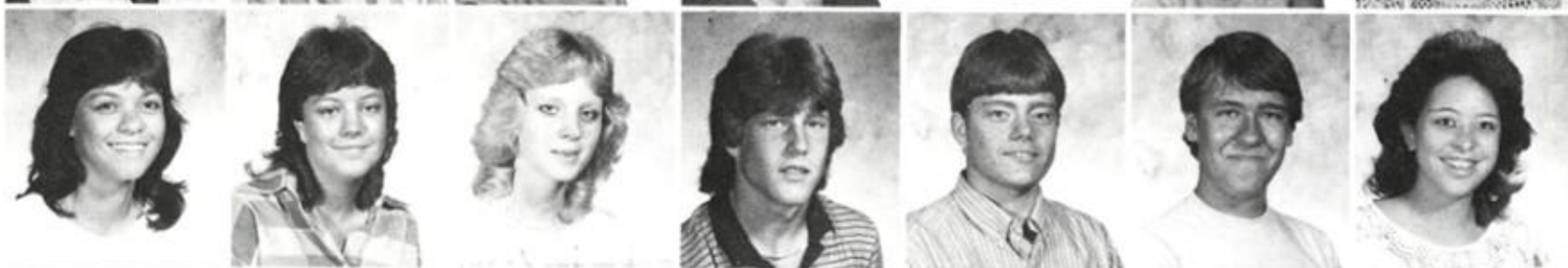
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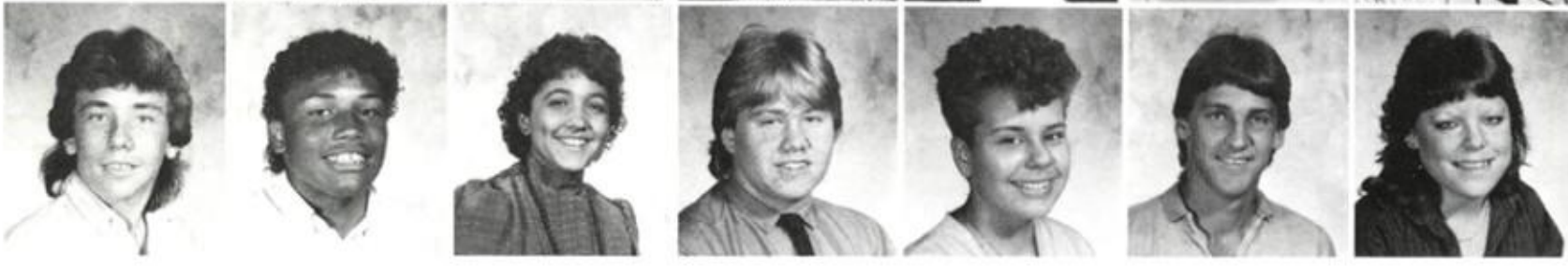
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Teresa Kennaley (09)
Ryan Kennedy (11)
Karen Key (11)
Mike Kientz (09)
Gloretta Kilson (10)



Let me tell you

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*It's hard to party
all night when you
have to get up at
7:30 the next day.
Senior Jenny Reed*



Seniors Libby Winn, Michelle O'Rand, and Bobbie Mercer, along with Diana Rodriguez, look at fundraising papers for an employers' luncheon. Being members of VOE CO-OP, these students do any kind of secretarial task. From word processing to filing to calculating, they learn desirable skills that will help them in their career. Chad Windham photo.

Getting up at 6:00, leaving the house by 7:00, and arriving at school at 7:30 is strenuous for some, yet worthwhile to others. New "0" period attenders, Junior Drew Erben and Senior Kim Miller run programs on a Commodore 64 computer. Miller said, "It's especially hard to get up early when you have to challenge your brains on a computer!" Chad Windham photo.

Early to Rise

New "0" period offers early dismissal

In the past, a student needed either a work pass, a doctor's note, or some kind of illness to get out of school early. However, this year a new "0" period had begun which enabled students to attend school from 7:30 to 2:30.

Consequently, getting out of school at 2:30 helped in avoiding after school traffic, working early at a job, and having more of the afternoon to oneself. Junior Shelli Headrick said, "Sometimes in the morning I wish I didn't have '0' class,

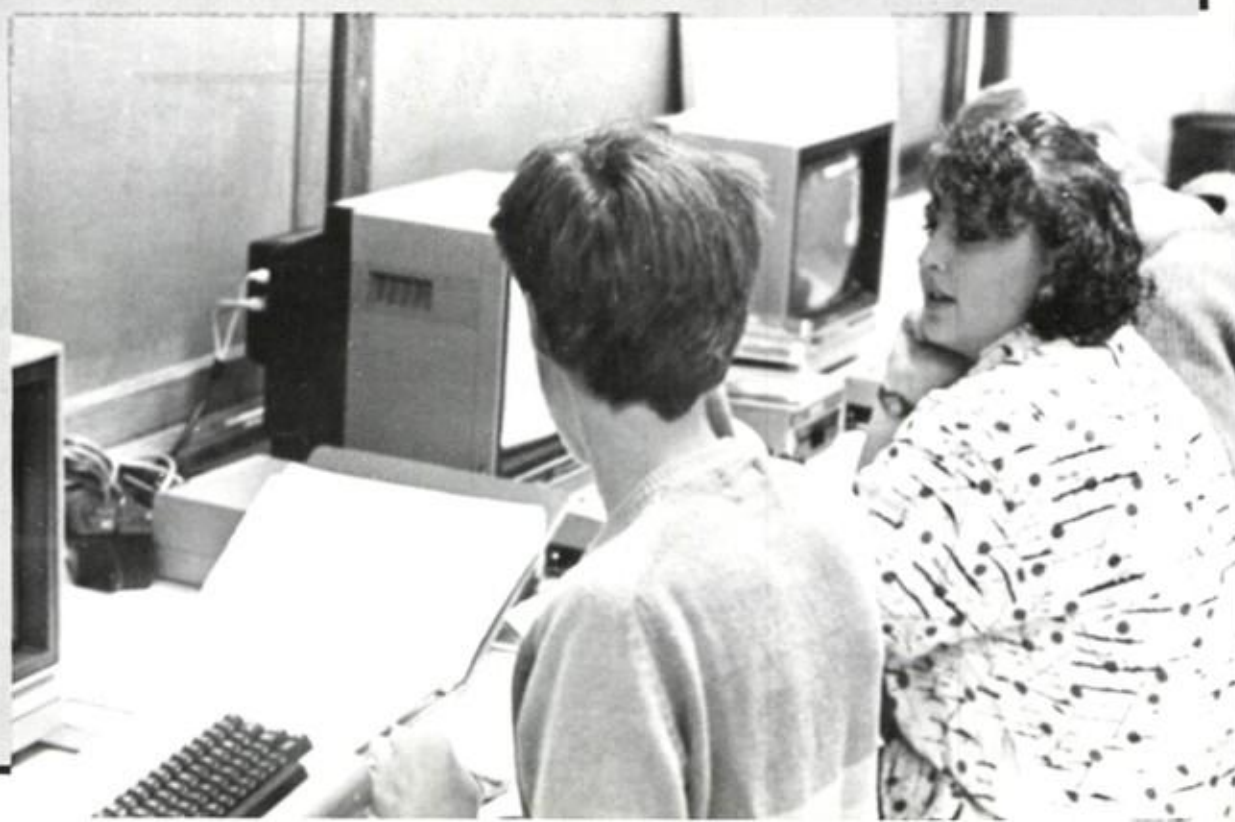
but by 2:30, I'm glad I do!"

Only two "0" periods were offered: Computer Math and Data Processing. Many students liked these classes, and getting out early, but felt bad about missing the pep rallies. However, Senior Stacy Sullivan falls under a different category. She had "0" period, along with six regular classes, each day. Sullivan described her seven classes as being "hard," and "a lot of work."

Patsy Johnson, Com-

puter Math teacher, said that she liked teaching "0" period, but sometimes it was hard to get up in the morning.

Initially she had doubts about the students' motivation, but she soon realized that most of the students enjoyed the class. **Story by Lynda Kain.**





Ordering senior rings remains an honor left solely to juniors. Patti Reich and Lyle Benton, like most juniors, try to decide which one they like or which one they can afford. John Mowry photo.

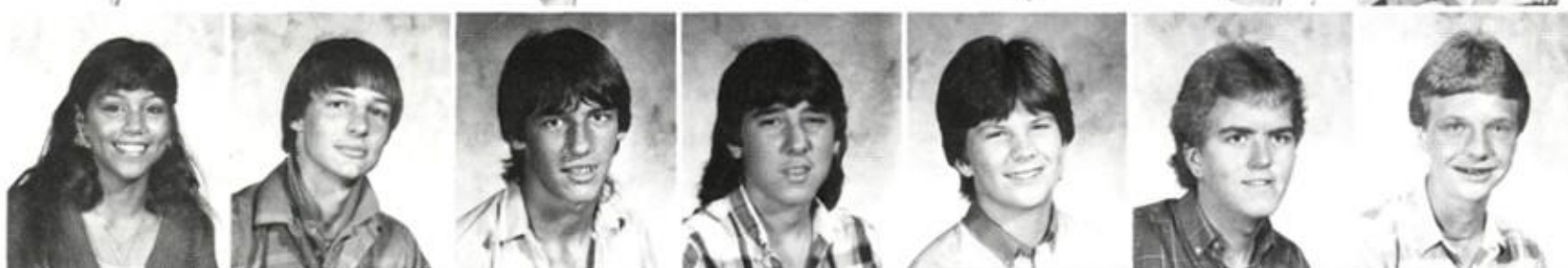
The class of '87 contributes to NHS spirit while raising class spirit at the same time. Although the juniors came down from the high section of the gym, spirit rose within their class. Shannon Woodson photo.



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John Kim (09)
So-Ok Kim (09)
Jacke Kimberlin (11)
Kevin King (09)



Lisa King (09)
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Christina Landrum (09)
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Kristi Langford (11)
Bobby Lanier (09)
Jodi Larabee (09)
Brian Larussa (11)



Juniors love their class, but it's still . . . The next best thing

"I love my class . . . but I'd rather be a senior."

Laurie McVay

What aspect do you admire about the class of '87?

"... that the junior class is more mature in the way that they treat each other."

Rod Grant

What made your junior year special?

"Your junior year, like every year, is only what you and your class make it. We've made it the best!"

Jeff Morgan

If you could relive it, would you change anything?

"If I could relive it, I wouldn't change a thing. This class is really active and my social life is a blast!"

Jodie Marbut

What's so special about being a junior?

"Being a junior is a lot of fun because we have a lot of people in our class that are very active and want to make our class the very best."

Rodney Hegwood

Let me tell you . . .

You can tell how much you've matured by seeing how some freshmen act. Junior Kathryn DiGiovanni.



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Kevin Lawson (09)
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Kirk Logston (09)

Darin Long (10)
Leslie Long (11)
Shannan Long (11)
Joe Longoria (11)
Irma Lopez (11)
Israel Lopez (10)
Pedro Lopez (09)

A 'couple' of friends

Guy, girl friendships flourish

A guy and a girl. A couple laughing, hugging and having fun. They share their innermost secrets and the laughter and tears of growing up. But they're JUST FRIENDS.

"Ernie (Cote) and I have been friends for so long," said Junior Shannon Ingram. "We're always laughing and having fun."

With high school romances changing from week-to-week, it is comforting for these friends to know that their friendly relations will persevere.

"Bertha (Villareal) and I don't keep any secrets from each

other," said Sophomore Jason Black. "Of all my high school friendships, I know this one will last."

We often find ourselves uncomfortable with the structure of certain relationships. Too often people get caught up in being friends with whoever is popular to like at the time. Some friendships, however, are based on the compatibility and trust that allows them not to be just another passing fad.

"Drew (Erben) is like a brother to me," said Junior Cindy Mee.

"We have our ups and

have our ups and downs just like any other friendship, but the one thing that stands true is that we will always be friends."

Although the question "Are you two dating?" often arises, the reply is always "No, we're just friends." But to say that these people are "just friends" doesn't do them justice. Being a couple of friends who spend endless time together, the relationship established was one of greater than simply being friends. They are BEST FRIENDS, and that's enough. Story by Melinda Jones.



Juniors Cindy Mee and Drew Erben play around after school. Mee and Erben have been the very best of friends since they were in the seventh grade. They don't ever feel the pressure to date one another, and say the closest they get is sitting in the car together. Steve Mashman photo.

Let me tell you . . .



I value my friendship with Ernie (Cote) more than any other. When things aren't going exactly right, I talk to Ernie and everything seems o.k. Junior Shannon Ingram

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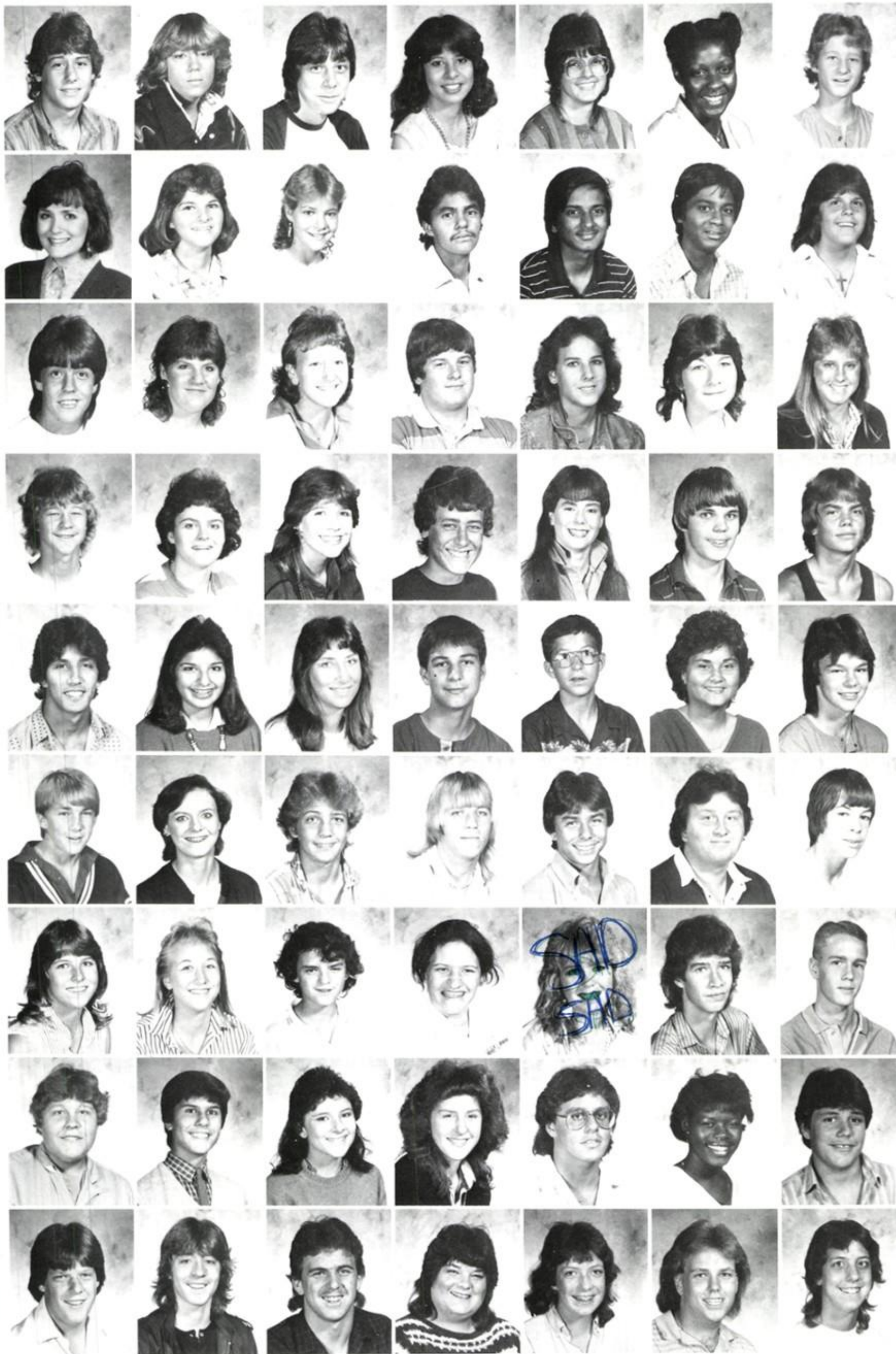


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Wesley Mackey (10)
Christy Madewell (10)
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Jeff Morgan (11)
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 James Morris (09)
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Keith Carpenter and Bobby Lanier, freshmen, face the common problems of transportation as many students do in the mornings before school. As many students have before, they choose to have a parent drive them to school rather than walk a long way or ride the crowded bus, or even ride with a friend and take the chance of never arriving. Erikalyn Ellis photo.

A four-wheel wish

Students feel pressure for rides

With high school there comes more responsibility and a more active social life. With a social life there comes a common question among teenagers on the weekends, "How am I going to get to the mall or movies tonight?"

Parents are always willing to give rides to their kids, but there are a few drawbacks with that, as Freshman Tim Simplins said.

"It is so embarrassing when you go out with girls," Simplins said, "and your parents have to drive you and pick you up in front of all your friends."

There are some teenagers that have too much pride so they ride with their friends.

"It's nice to ride with all your buddies, but the car is always so crowded. At least people don't look at you funny, like they do when your parents drop you off," said Sophomore Carl Gassett.

Hopefully, you will not have to wait too

long to be one of the lucky ones, who owns a car or is able to get the family car. There will be more responsibility.

The parents depend on the driver to make mature, responsible decisions. As Steve Fletcher said, "It's alright being able to drive all my friends around on the weekends, but there is more responsibility, because if something goes wrong, the parents will ask the driver all the questions."

When you finally come up with the nerve to ask that special someone out for pizza or a movie, having transportation problems is something we can all do without. You can show up with Mom and face the ridicule, or you can double up with a friend and risk your safety. Either alternative is a rotten substitute.

"I can remember having to ride with Mom or Daddy when I was a fish," Senior Scott Hunt said. "that's

one stage of my life I definitely won't miss."

No matter what type of transportation is chosen there is always a catch. Maybe it would be easier to walk to the desired destination. **Story by Shannan Long.**



Let me tell you . . .

It's nice to ride with my buddies, and at least people don't look at you funny, like when your parents drop you off.
Sophomore Carl Gassett



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Michelle Moss (10)
Susan Motley (10)
Mary Mouser (11)



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It's cold inside ... and outside and in the halls

It is nearing the end of summer. Outside the weather is 97°. However, in English class, it is a chilling 55°. Walking through the halls is the latest in winter fashions: thick sweaters.

"There are only two places where you can go from freezing cold to boiling hot in less than five minutes. One is a hot tub at the North Pole and the other is this school building," said Sophomore Steven Baxley.

Another exciting event that everyone looks forward to is the air conditioner dropping dead as soon as

the weather turns hot and humid.

"When the air conditioners do not work, it is my greatest source of frustration. It turns my brain to mush!" said Spanish teacher Mary Ann Kindig.

Though the temperature is confusing throughout the entire school year, it seems to always be a challenge on picking out the right wardrobe to wear. Maybe one day the temperature outside will complement the temperature inside and we can all enjoy a pleasant day at school.

Story by Lara Trahan



Let me tell you...

The only thing that changes temperature faster than Texas is Nimitz High School. Junior Robert Jordan.

Senior Barbara Babcox and Sophomore Lara Trahan, yearbook staffers, sit by the window for warmth because the temperature in the journalism room stayed at 55° for two weeks. Steve Mashman photo.

Sophomore Janet Mackay, Junior Misty Rackard and Renee Moyers display their different types of clothing for the various temperatures. Joe Salinas photo.



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Jimmy Phillips (10)
Sherri Phillips (10)



Lisa Philpot (11)
Erin Pickens (10)



John Pierce (11)
Mary Pierson (11)



*Let me
tell you . . .*

*when the xerox
machine is
down. Gov-
ernment teacher
Linda Halcomb*



*Let me
tell you . . .*

*when I lock
my keys in the
car. Senior
Steve Mordecai*



*Let me
tell you . . .*

*when I only have
five minutes to
get ready for
school. Junior
Drew Erben*

A bad start

One of those days

You know it's gon-
na be a rotten day
when . . .

— you wake up to
discover your digital
alarm clock is flashing
12:00 due to a power
failure during the
night.

— you mistake your
deodorant for hair-
spray.

— you start your car
and hear a cat scream.

— you're getting your
class pictures taken
and the photographer
goes into hysterics
when you "smile for
the camera."

— your pet rock snaps

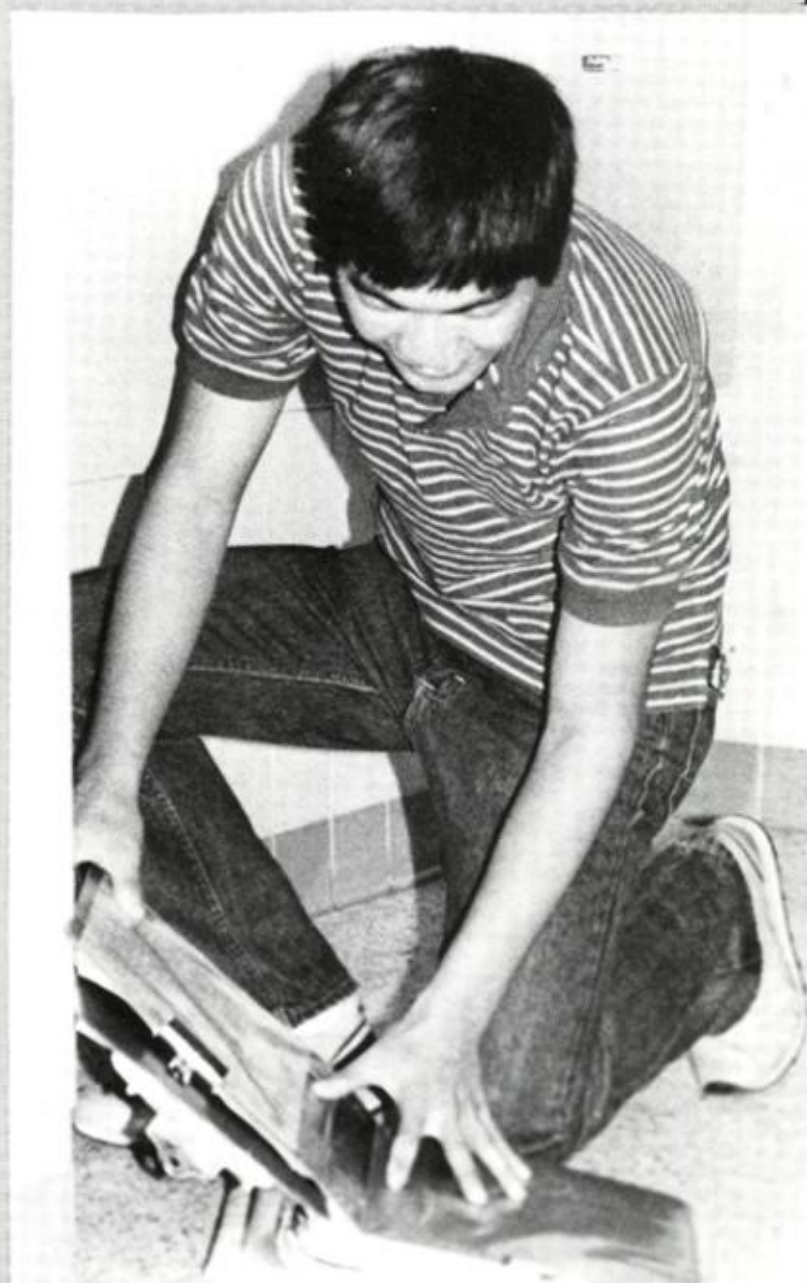
at you.

— during fifth period
you realize you put
both contacts in one
eye.

— your little sister
seeks revenge by put-
ting Nair in your sham-
poo bottle.

— you pour cereal in
the bowl and sugar it,
not knowing that there
isn't a trace of milk in
the house.

— you open your
locker and witness an
instant replay of
Mount St. Helens.
**Story by Melinda
Jones.**



To avoid embarrassment Junior Chum Thran picks up his notebook before anyone sees him. Students were often terrorized with the possibility of dropping their books in the middle of the between classes rush hour. Erikalyne Ellis photo.



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Brian Pinckard (11)
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Gary Pittman (10)
Lori Pittman (09)



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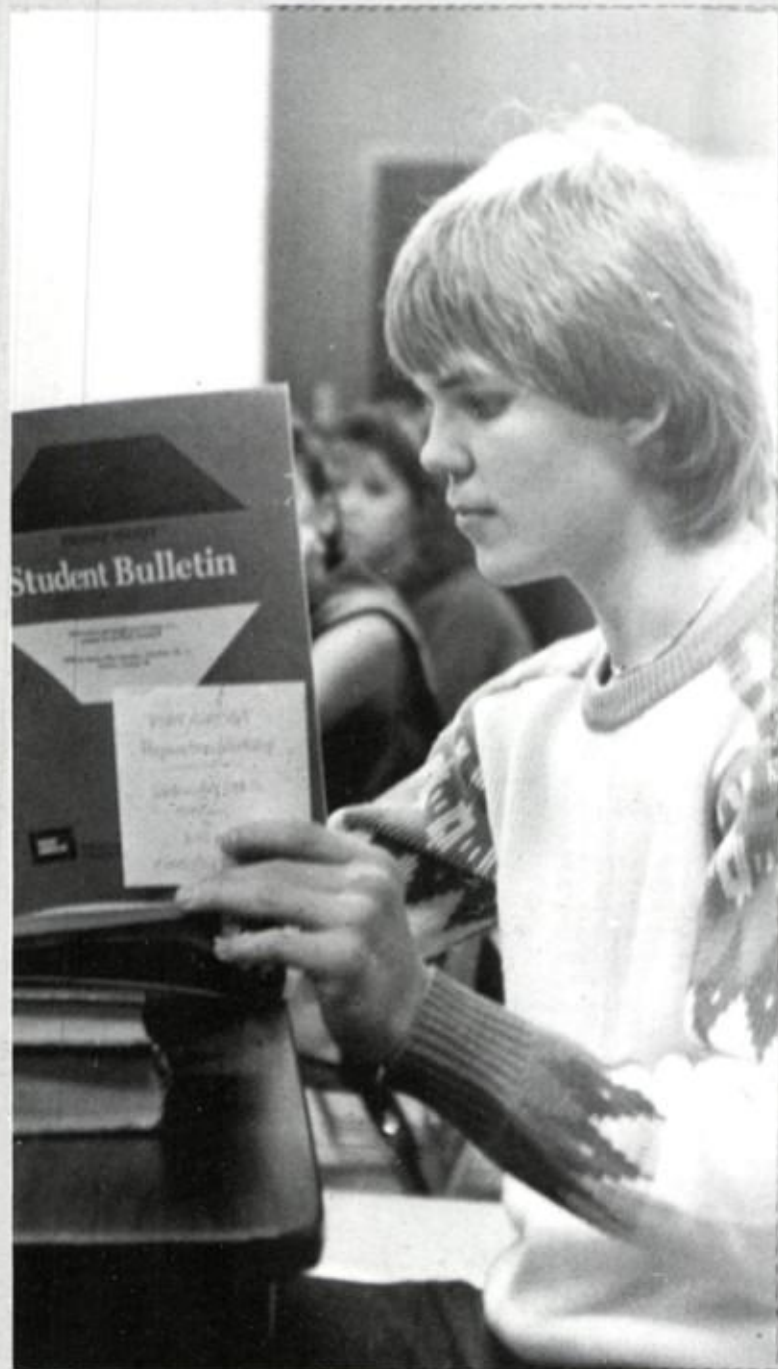


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Junior Steve Martin prepares for the PSAT by reading the Student Bulletin. Students received the booklet after paying \$5 to cover testing costs. "I prepared for the PSAT by going over the bulletin and following the advice given by my teachers," Martin said. "This helped my performance on the test overall." Kevin Carr photo.

Steps of preparation

Tests make SAT, graduation easier

If two figs equal one gag, then how many figs equal $\frac{1}{4}$ gag?

Baffled? So were many juniors and sophomores when they saw a similar question on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) in October. For three hours the PSAT tested students over verbal and math concepts and helped prepare them for the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).

"I took the PSAT to get used to the format of standardized tests and to prepare myself for the SAT," Junior Donna Sherritt said.

Students began

testing at 8:30 a.m., with juniors in the auditorium and sophomores in the cafeteria.

To better equip students for the PSAT, Junior Counselor Paula Wyman held a workshop to answer students' questions about standardized tests.

Also in October, the juniors became the first class required to pass the Texas Educational Assessment of Minimal Skills (TEAMS) for graduation. The TEAMS replaced the Texas Assessment of Basic Skills (TABS) as a

graduation requirement.

"The TEAMS and TABS were equivalently easy, so I don't know why it replaced the TABS," Sherritt said.

Students were given six hours — three hours on two days — to complete the two-section test. When the results came in, 96 percent of the juniors who took the test passed both sections.

Being concerned with what figs and gags were clouded the logical answer that $\frac{1}{2}$ gag equals $\frac{1}{4}$ fig. **Story by Wendy Furguson.**



Let me tell you . . .

At first, I couldn't concentrate, but after I got used to the testing conditions of the PSAT, it became easier to concentrate. Once I was through with the test, I felt better because I realized I was better prepared for the SAT than those who didn't take it. Junior Amber Williams.



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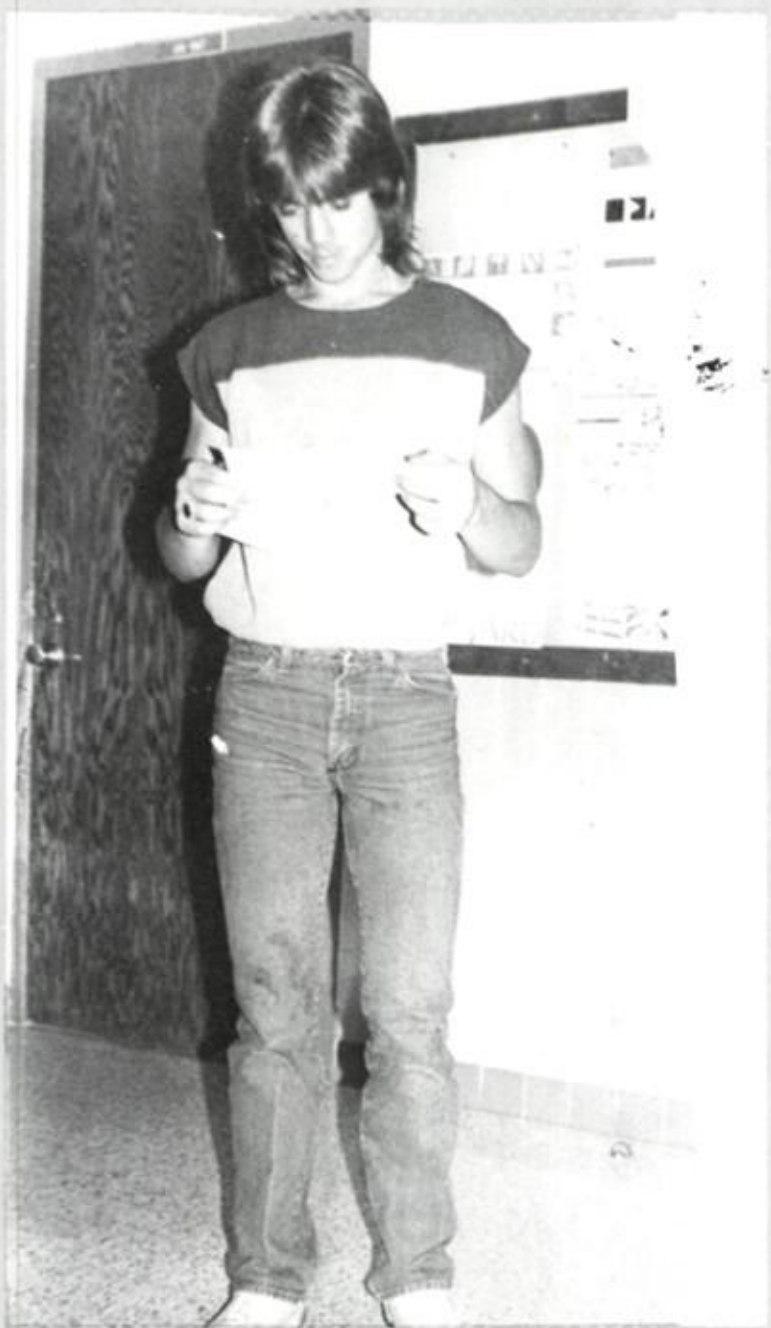
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Upon receiving a pass to the attendance clerk, students often take the long route to think of the best believable excuse. Junior Randy Ruyle stops on his way to the office to glance at his referral and think of something to tell the vice-principal when he gets there. Erikalyn Ellis photo.



“Homework!? What homework? We had homework due today?” says Sophomore Shanda Dobyanski when the teacher asked her to turn it in. Students are constantly haunted by that feared slip of memory that seems to occur the night before a big assignment. A good excuse always seems to sound better than the truth when homework is needed but not completed. Shannon Woodson photo.



*Let me
tell you . . .*

Whenever I happen to forget that I have an assignment due, I always tell my teacher that I left it in the orthodontist's office.
Freshman Jill McDonald



*Let me
tell you . . .*

My best excuse to use for forgotten homework is “The wind blew it away. I chased it for five miles, but I just was not fast enough.”
Sophomore Susan Waggoner

No excuse The dog is off duty

I was sitting in class with the usual Friday good mood. The smile fell from my face when my teacher said, “Class turn in your homework.”

My heart dropped. My first thought was, “What homework?” The second flash was, “What is my excuse?”

I could tell her I lost it, or someone stole it, or . . . Then I heard it, “last call for homework.”

The first thing that popped out was, “It was here a minute ago.”

Then came the questions — “Where did you see it last?” “Where could it have gone?”, followed by some not-so-hot answers.

She fell for it. I could turn it in at 3:30.

What excuse will I use next time?

Every student has excuses to use for forgotten homework.

“The wind blew it away. I chased it for miles, but I just was not fast enough.” said Sophomore Susan Waggoner.

“I left it in the orthodontist's office,” said Freshman Jill McDonald.

“My bus was hijacked by homework hungry Iranians!” said Sophomore Karen Berry.

The next time that surprise excuse is needed, just remember to watch out for that all knowing teacher.

“The dog doesn't eat everybody's homework,” Coach Jinx White said. Story by Dana Pyfer

It is impossible to fool all of the teachers all of the time no matter how realistic the excuse may be. Sophomore Todd Gaston finds out the hard way that all knowing teachers react to such false statements. “I ‘pier’ into their eyes and that always tells me the truth,” said history teacher Carol Pier. Lara Trahan photo.



Apple of my eye

Long dating gets to the 'core' of the matter

They were there in every class, the couple no one messes with, the two that were inseparable, the ones who never went anywhere without the other. Terminology has changed as students have grown older and more mature, but "going steady" has always had its special feeling.

"The thing I like most about having Troy as a boyfriend is the closeness of our relationship. I feel that nothing can come between us. It is a neat feeling knowing that he is always there for me," said Sophomore Vicki Harris.

High school relationships usually last longer than the two-week

junior high flings, but students found that seeing someone seriously took lots of time and effort.

"When one of my friends asks me to go somewhere with her, I have to say no because I'm pretty much devoted to Trent," said Freshman Dorothy Hammer.

To contradict the fun of companionship, freedom meant much more to some. Many students felt content with dating around. Of course, this also meant that there were those Saturday nights when watching "Love Boat" was the highlight of the evening. One advantage of steadily dating

someone is that one is never left sitting at home without a date on Saturday night.

"Most of the time on Saturday nights we go to high school rodeos, and some Friday nights we go out to eat or to the pits (a cowboy hangout)" said Junior Ryan Kennedy.

Those who have that steady, special someone around to share their high school days with enjoyed the relationship and the problems that are entangled with being someone's girlfriend or boyfriend. Others that played the field were happy with the friendships they shared with others. **Story by Lara Trahan.**



Let me tell you...

We will be together forever. Being with him is important to me.
Sophomore Dianna Torres



Sophomore Wendy Senkyrik and Junior John Deal make a quick stop at their locker to get their homework before leaving school. This was the usual route for the two as they went home every afternoon. Sharing a locker is common between couples during the school year. **Chad Windham photo.**

Juniors Kim White and Craig Dodgen spend a peaceful moment before school sharing a joke and a laugh or two. White and Dodgen spend many hours over at her house after school. "I enjoy being with Craig every moment even though we've been dating nearly a year," White said. **Chad Windham photo.**



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Daniel Smith (10)
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Eric Smith (10)
Gary Smith (10)
Kevin Smith (09)



Lisa Smith (10)
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Lisa Torres (10)
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Norma Torres (11)
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Sabrina Torres (09)
Tracie Torres (11)



Kathy Towers (10)
Fabian Trahan (10)



I nearly do Pretend vows are trial run

"Deary beloved, we are gathered here together on this day not to unite this man and this woman in holy matrimony..."

Senior Anthony Montgomery repeated these words to his 2nd period Home and Family Living class. Montgomery acted as the minister in a dramatized wedding scene with his other classmates. "I was as nervous as if it had been the real thing," Montgomery said.

The beautiful bride in one of the mock weddings was acted

out by Senior Paula McRae. "I think that acting out the ceremony as if it was really happening made us all consider marriage an important step in life," McRae said.

Although the couples that were united were not exactly "in love," taking part in the ceremony was enjoyed by most of them.

Senior Natalie Limberg said, "I had a more realistic idea of marriage after we completed the two weeks of study." **Story by Lynda Kain.**

Seniors Paula McRae and Darrell Ingram exchange vows. During the reception, the bride and groom performed all the necessary traditions. "It was so embarrassing when we had to put cake in each other's mouths," McRae said. "It was also funny when we shook hands instead of kissing." **Steve Mashman photo.**





Lara Trahan (10)
Kathy Trammell (10)
Tamera Tribbey (09)
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Kevin Verver (09)
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Marty Vidaurri (09)
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Leticia Villalobos (09)
Bertha Villareal (11)
Richard Villareal (09)



Let me tell you . . .

"I feel that going through the experience of the mock wedding helps us to prepare for the future." Senior Gabe Redondo

Seniors Tiffany Williams and Brooke Sumrall along with Junior Tannis Revell serve as bridesmaids in the Home and Family Living mock wedding. The members of the wedding party volunteered to participate in the ceremony. Everyone worked hard but still had fun. **Steve Mashman photo.**



Nelson Villatoro (09)
 Betty Vineyard (10)
 Linnet Vinson (09)
 Kathy Vitasek (11)
 Michelle Vogt (09)
 Shannon Wages (11)
 Susan Waggoner (10)



Myra Wait (10)
 Chris Walden (11)
 Daniel Waldrum (11)
 Amy Walker (10)
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 Tammy Wall (09)



Eric Wallace (11)
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 Wendy Wallace (10)
 Lisa Walsh (10)
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Steven Warner (11)
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 Kelley Watson (10)
 Brenda Watts (09)
 John Watts (11)



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Alex Alkhazshvilly
Jeanette Allender
Susan Alotto
William Althoff
Joe Arnett
Pat Austin



Hope Bailey
Cathy Barbee
Helen Bradley
Everly Broadway
Mary Lee Brown
Ron Bruenjes



Mary Ann Butts
Richard Canterbury
Mona Castro
Becky Christenberry
Victoria Christman
Jerry Christian



Pat Clough
Janet Cochran
Bonnie Collins
Larry Coltharp
Barbara Copeland
Gwendolyn Cowen



Arlen Cray
Cynthia Curney
Charlie Davis
Betty Derden
Sarah DiTucci
Emily Dodson



Let me
tell you . . .

*The names
you learn first
will be the
headaches of
the class or the
assets. Helen
Bradley*



Teachers advance masked

Professors perform for their primary impressions

The first day of school begins, and so does the game. Teacher to student, student to teacher; the relationship either starts well, badly, or it doesn't really start at all.

All teachers have a presentation of themselves ready for the first day, and whether they choose to be wonderful or wonderfully cruel is totally their initial decision.

English teacher Vikki Massengill said,

"I like to be honest with my students, so the first thing I tell them if they work hard they will pass."

The honest approach was taken with many teachers. They honestly wanted their students to work until their backs snapped. It wasn't as though they wanted to be slave drivers; they only wanted to appear that way.

Prof. Carol Pier, history teacher, said, "I tried to appear meaner

than you know what, but I ended up rather nice."

There was also the aspect of the teacher giving an inch and the class taking a mile.

"If I had a choice, I'd rather to have been considered mean as opposed to nice because students think that a nice teacher is one who will let them get away with anything," said English teacher David Long.

Whatever the case of the first impression

may have been, the initial reaction will never change. As long as teachers continue to know the terribly evil thoughts of their students, the first impression will always remain important. In the same light, as long as students continue to decipher the intentions of their teachers, first impressions will remain to be the laughs of the future.

Story by Chad Rueffer.



Eddie Dowler*
Mike Dyson
Ruth Ernest
Martha Evans
Rosemary Evans
Judy Fairless



R. W. Gage
Marla Gallemore
Keith Geter
Don Gipson
Claude Hanson
Billye Hardin



Kay Harlin
Deborah Harris
Myla Harvison
Bryan Harwell
Teresa Hasty
Ruth Hindes



Linda Halcomb
Rebecca Housden
Sandra Hunt
Linda Ivins
Greg Jackson
Diane Jaworski



Carolyn Johnson
Debbie Johnston
Patsy Johnston
Joyce Joslin
Connie Kilday
Don Killian



Government teacher Linda Halcomb leads a major class discussion about the United States Constitution while students question her as they take notes over the subject. Halcomb has been sponsoring the student council for quite some time and has been highly active in many school functions. **Shannon Woodson photo.**

One of the junior class sponsors, Diane Jaworski, watches her class go for the spirit stick during a Grand Prairie Gopher pep rally. Jaworski has been very active in many class projects and has been a class sponsor throughout the past years at Nimitz High School. **Joe Salinas photo.**

Mary Ann Kindig
Don King
John Kras
Judy LeBleu
Deborah Ledda
Ginny Limpus



Sharon Litland
David Long
Peggy Looper
Brenda Martin
Vikki Massengill
Valorie May



Kim Mayo
William McAlister
Jim McGahee
Diane McLean
Diane McMeans
Barbara McVay



G. W. Melton
Kathy Messersmith
Danny Mitchell
Jane Moses
Linda Nix
Bonnie Oshel



Carol Orr
Carolyn Parsons
Carol Pier
Gary Pittmon
Scott Pohl
Dotty Rambo



Katie Rawlinson
Doris Renshaw
James Richards
Catherine Rogers
Shirley Russell
Patti Salerno



Karen Sargent
Gary Schepf
Barrie Sheffield
Gwynn Shelton
Jim Sitton
Carrie Skeen



Sue Smith
Linda Staggs
Annette Stephens
Carolyn Sutton
Kathy Sweeney
Alice Taylor



Elena Taylor
Patty Taylor
Al Tiller
David Traver
Nancy Tucker
Molly Turner





Joy Van Wagoner
Rose Marie Villarreal
Jill Wallace
Mark Weber
Yvonne Welch
Danny White

Michael White
Theresa White
Melba Woodson
Bob Wright
Paula Wyman
Karen Zeske



Let me tell you . . .

Frost bite to suffocating temperatures is not conducive to learning or health. Spanish teacher Mary Ann Kindig.



Various Irritations

Now hear what bothers the teachers . . .

Whether it's stapling papers, grading homework, or correcting misspelled words, teachers do have things that bother them. When handling 100-150 students a day, some teachers mention that it's hard enough just to keep a sane mind. Here are pet peeves from some of the Nimitz faculty:

Annette Stephens, English: "Students who don't listen to instructions and are the first to ask what they're supposed to do."

Daniel Mitchell, math: "Students getting up to do some personal thing such as sharpen a pencil or throw paper away right in the middle of when I am trying to teach or talk to the class."

Gary Pittmon, arts and woodshop: "Students with bad attitudes!"

Sarah DiTucci,

foreign language: "Students who don't pay attention in class."

Joy VanWagoner, English: "Inane off-the-subject questions."

Molly Turner, science: "Mondays are my pet peeves!"

Patsy Johnston, math: "Eligibility Cards! You either have to average all grades or spend half the class on Thursday averaging them."

Barbara McVay, math: "Sometimes I call down a student for talking, and the student responds, 'I wasn't talking; I was just asking a question.' I always wonder . . .?"

Jill Wallace, science: "People moving things on my desk."

Patti Salerno, English: "Students that won't allow themselves to think for themselves."

Diane McMeans, English: "Asking a person to do something, and they agree, but

then don't do it."

Rosemary Evans, English: "A student asking a question and not listening to the answer."

Diane Jaworski, biology: "THE XEROX MACHINE!"

Karen Zeske, English: "I dislike immensely when students use the word got, even if it is in the dictionary!"

Karen Sargent, math: "When students ask, 'Why we have to do this?', or 'Where are we ever going to use this?' I feel they're not mature enough to understand the reasons for learning."

Greg Jackson, algebra: "Dealing with people who give information without really knowing what they're talking about. One who doesn't know should not pretend he does."

Story by Lynda Kain.

Jane Moses, history teacher, goes through the process of preparing a test for her classes. Students think it's a pain just studying for a 30 question test in a class, but just stop and think what the teacher has to do. Joe Salinas photo.

Proven Performance

The Proof is in Our
PRIDE

Here's Proof. While some students shoved their books into their lockers, thinking that they would have time in the morning to finish an assignment, others dragged piles of books home or to the libraries to master a lesson by endless hours of studying.

A special group of us, through hard work and determination, made it to regionals of the Academic Decathlon enabling them to advance to state finals in San Antonio and finish in the top ten.

The valedictorian and the salutatorian along with the other top ten finalist were deservedly applauded at the senior awards ceremony. Scholarship winners were also recognized for their hard work. Highlighted honor roll lists were placed in almost every single classroom to show those students who were able to maintain a 7 point average or higher. Making the grade showed something special — Proven Performance.

Library aide T. J. Woods checks to make sure that his senior classmate Marvin Reynolds' records are clear before letting him check out a book. Chad Windham photo.





Senior Teresa Caviness and her mother look over the requirements for admission to the University of Dallas. Carefully watching the calculation of the cost of her Senior ring Junior Zynell Stafford awaits the grand total. Sophomores Susie Motley and Corey Blount look at perspective college material. Senior Tammy Black puts the finishing touches on the Junior Historian activity poster. Chad Windham, Shannon Woodson photos.

How to procrastinate

Oh... I'll take care of this later!

10 ways to be a Brown-noser

A teacher's pet. Not a bad thing to be when it comes to extra help in a hard subject. Some knew from the first day of their class that they would or would not get along with a teacher, but for others it took certain steps and time to establish and execute an academic relationship with an educator and become a true Brown-noser.

1. Volunteer to stay after class. A teacher always appreciates a student who cleans the erasers, washes the chalkboard and grades papers. Although teacher's pets tend to be prone to ridicule, results in the grade book made up for it.

2. Don't forget your manners. If a teacher asks you a yes/no question, reply with a "yes ma'am," or "no ma'am." (Except, of course, if your teacher happens to be a male.) An educated adult does not condone "yea" or "naw."

3. Be honest. If you truly did not do your homework, fess up to your responsibility, unless of course you have a good excuse. Remember, "My dog ate my homework" is obviously outdated so try to be little more creative.

4. Remember their birthdays. Bringing a cake and a few gifts is a small price to pay for missing a class period. Simply don't ask how old they are, but come bearing gifts such as diamond rings, new cars or a trip for two to Aruba.



5. Acknowledge their presence outside of school. If you see your teacher at the grocery store or at the mall, don't ignore them. They not only have lives after your class period, but they also wear jeans, go to the movies and eat out at restaurants.

6. Ask interesting questions. If a question pops into your head that will add to a class discussion, raise your hand. A teacher will respect a student who has new facts to offer or an opinion about a controversial subject.

7. Compliment their appearance. Take notice of a new outfit or hairstyle. Everyone likes to be complimented on the way they look. And don't forget, it takes up class time.

8. Follow the rules of the class. If a certain teacher has quirks about gum chewing, passing notes or brushing your hair, don't argue. A good student will follow the rules without question. He also remembers that it is good to give adults a sense of power now and then.

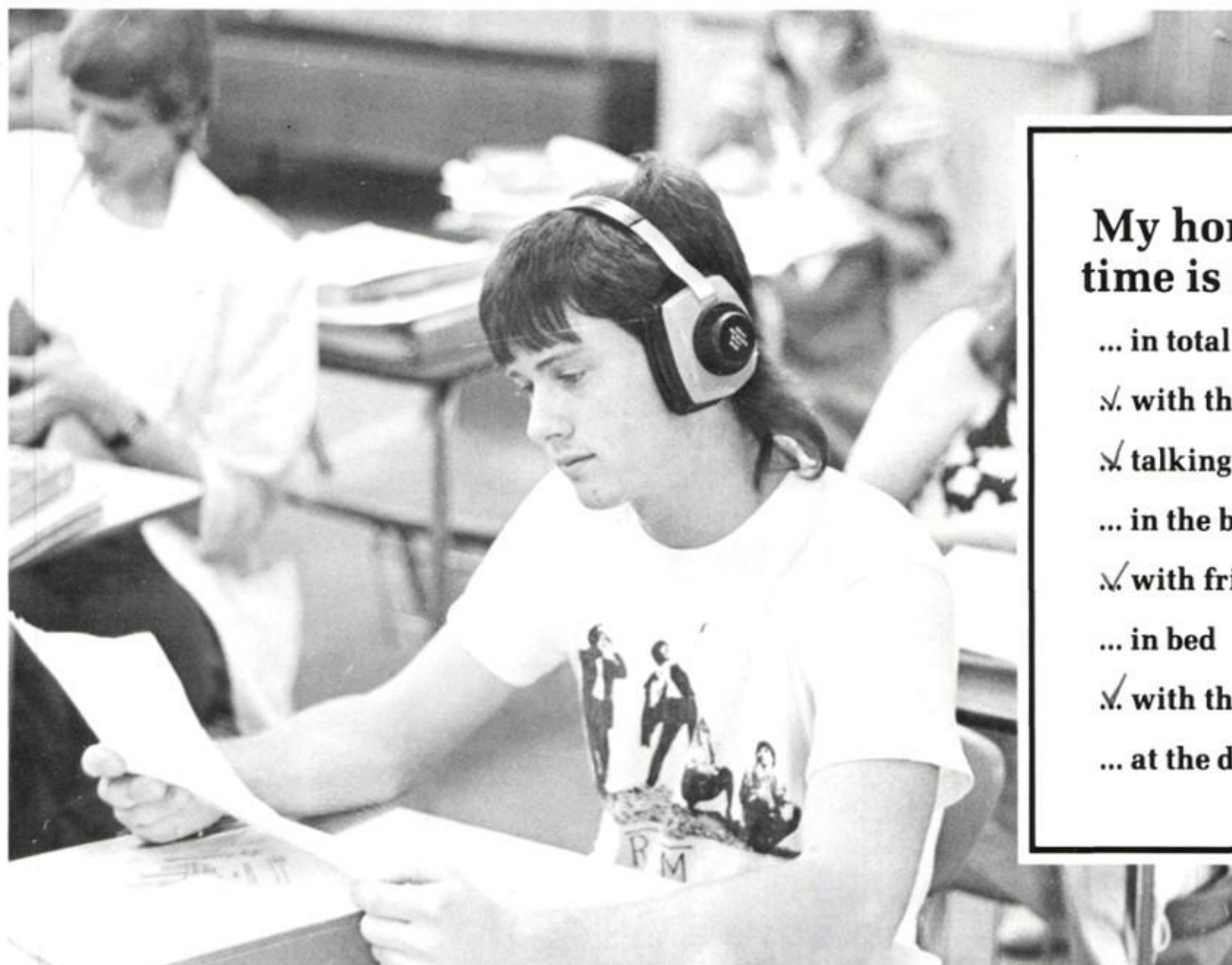
9. Be courteous. Don't struggle raising your hand in the middle of a lecture to ask if you can go to the bathroom or walk across the room to throw away a piece of paper. Wait until the appropriate time to do such matters.

10. Realize grades are earned, not given. Don't blame your teachers because you failed your final exam, which failed you for the semester. Whatever the case, recognize where the fault really lies.



College night allowed many juniors and seniors to get literature concerning schools they were interested in. It helped students realize that preparation for college started way before graduation and it was good to prepare early. Junior Kyle Harrington and Senior Chris Coranado fill out information cards to receive packets from one of the universities represented at college night. **Stephanie Mashman photo.**

Getting into the good graces of some teachers was easier for some and harder for others. Most students found that the best way to establish a good relationship with a teacher was to follow the rules, try and participate in their class. Although students had to make a few adjustments from class to class because different teachers had rules. Junior Tina Shupe gets her books ready for her next class. **Shannon Woodson photo.**



Passing a class

- 1. Do all the assignments.** Look at each homework assignment as a challenge.
- 2. Study with a friend.** Compare notes and quiz each other before an exam. (Hint: It is easier to study without the radio or television.)
- 3. Be friends with the teacher.** Establish a good relationship with the teacher and this will allow you to feel more comfortable when asking for help.
- 4. Take good notes.** Maintain a note-taking technique of your own that will allow you to get accurate information.
- 5. Cram.** If your daily study intentions have failed you, don't set your alarm — remember you are not going to sleep, you are going to study.

Although many students shared the same study habits. Some choose to study while watching TV, listening to the radio or being quizzed by a friend. Senior John Pugh plugs into his headphones as he looks over his notes for an exam that needs more than just one night of cramming. **Joe Salinas photo.**

My homework time is spent . . .

- ... in total silence
- ✓ with the radio on
- ✓ talking on the phone
- ... in the bath tub
- ✓ with friends
- ... in bed
- ✓ with the T.V. on
- ... at the dinner table

My favorite subject is . . .

- ... my English class
- ... 7th period
- ... auto mechanics
- ... my speech class
- ... lunch (of course)
- ... basketball
- ... study hall

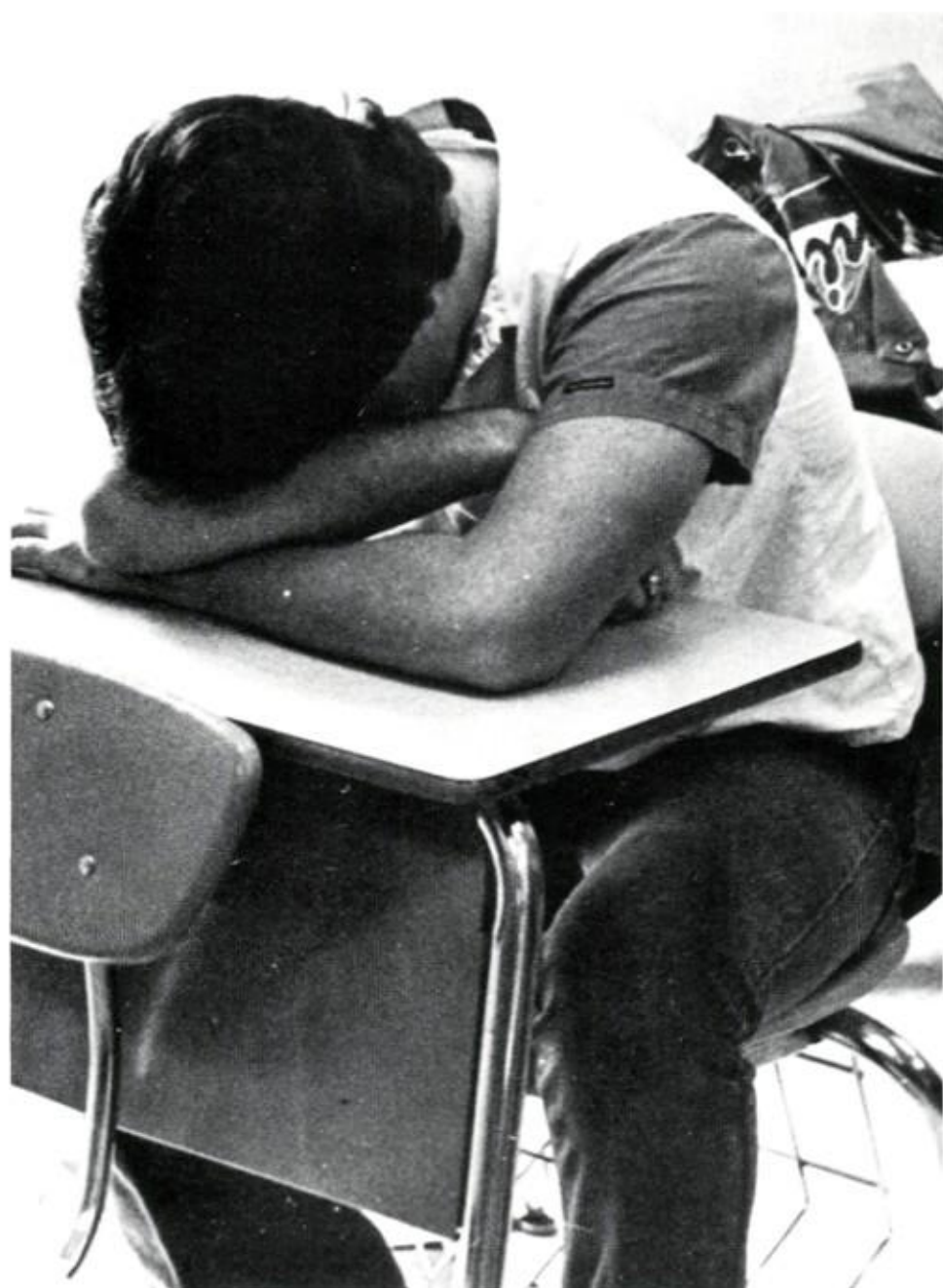


Even though some students tried to beat the system, most of them found out through trial and error that this was not possible. Many of them found out the best way to get along with teachers and principals was to follow the rules. Vice-Principal Linda Ivins explains cafeteria procedures to Seniors Kevin Furgeson and Brian Willms. **Steve Mashman photo**

Although most students manage to get up in the mornings, many of them were plagued with a bad case of the yawns all through the day. Some found it difficult to survive a whole day of school without a little snooze during a study hall or some other free time. Lack of sleep was caused by working late at a part-time job or putting off homework until late at night. **Chad Windham photo.**

How to Cram

1. **Get organized.** Bring home all books, notes or reviews and organize them for easier access to information.
2. **Lock yourself in a quiet room.** Don't be tempted away from your books by outside distractions. That means no radio, no TV and no telephone.
3. **Study sitting up.** An old superstition says that a student should study in a same position that he is going to be tested in because it helps him remember better. This may not be true but it can't hurt.
4. **Stock up on coffee, coke or chocolate.** This will help you stay awake in case your cramming goes past your bedtime.
5. **Be positive, you know the information.** Go over all the material you lost sleep over the night before.





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Procrastination: 10 steps

No, I'm not ready yet!

It seems as though students could always do things such as talking, other homework or note-writing when they did not have permission from their teachers. It is the opposite when the teacher gives freetime because doing those things did not seem as worthwhile with permission. Senior Becky Burry and her classmates discuss a fund raising project. Steve Mashman photo.

10 steps to survive taking notes

Although we do not condone inattention or wandering minds during lectures, we realize from experience that "getting out our note-taking aparati" can get a little old. So here are a few suggestions to help you in your fight against monotony.

1. Do your nails. It is about time for a manicure and there is not better time than during a boring lecture. Don't forget your file, clippers and polish.

2. Stare at the clock. You swear the clock has not moved from the last time you looked. Well, investigate the matter. See if you can actually catch the hands moving.

3. Change the topic of discussion. Ask a question that you know your teacher has a definite opinion about. Remember a highly controversial subject can get your classmates and teacher in an uproar and therefore time will pass—sit back and enjoy.

4. Write a conversational letter. You see that person sitting next to you — have a conversation on paper. Write "What have you been up to?" and they will answer "Not much. You?" and so on. Besides if this person is a member of the opposite sex that you have been trying to get to know it makes a great icebreaker.

5. Clean out your purse or wallet. Get rid of that everyday junk that piles up such as candy wrappers and old letters. After you've finished reorganizing look at your pictures and rearrange the photos so that you see your more recent friends then count your money.

6. Do assignments for another class. Do some extra credit work for subject that your average is suffering. You will really be on top of things.

7. Daydream. Think about all the places you'd rather be and all things you could be doing. It is a good way of wasting time but try and stay a little alert in case the teacher asks you a question.

8. Average your grades. Find out your academic standing in each of your classes. Academic students are found doing this quite often because it eases their minds while their not listening.

9. Draw on your bookcovers. Put your mark on your bookcovers with pictures, boyfriends or girlfriends names or your profound artwork.

10. Take a nap. Since you stayed up extra late, take a snooze. But be careful of a clever teacher. They might not wake you when the bell rings and you could arise two periods later with another class — what a nightmare!

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*Oh well, I've stalled long enough.
Here goes ...*

The art of being a Procrastinator

Are you a procrastinator when it comes to homework? If the answer is no and you would like to learn how to be lazy, put things off and be irresponsible, here is a list of suggestions to help you make time for everything but homework.

1. Watch TV. The television set in an easy way to get sidetracked from one's responsibilities. But if you do have some good intentions, at least open your books in front of you and try to do a little when a commercial comes on.

2. Clean your room. Aren't you tired of stepping over clothes, books or whatever else is lying around your room? Well, you might as well get in there and try a little organization. Don't forget the closet, Behind the furniture and under the bed.

3. Go shopping. The mall is calling you. This is the last day of a big sale so you have to go. Besides, you can't go to school, homework complete or incomplete, without something to wear.

4. Call a friend. Dial a long-winded friend that you have not talked to in a long time and find out what they have been doing for the last year or so. It is important to keep in touch with people that you don't get to see very often.

5. Take inventory of the refrigerator. Before any academic strain you need nutrition, don't you? Try to scope out the fridge, cabinets and freezer to see if your mom has hidden anything good for a special occasion.



6. Accidentally fall asleep. This is very simple. First, go to bed fully clothed and then place your book over your face. This will appear that you did make an attempt to study and who knows, maybe you can absorb some information while you sleep — like nuclear fall out.

7. Give your mother a hand with the housework. Your mom has been trying to get you to vacuum, take out the trash and wash dishes all your life. Surprise her. If you really get industrious, wash the family car and clean out the garage.

8. Pick a fight with a family member. Not only does this release tension and frustration, but it will take a good hour or so. Warning: This could lead to groundings, withholdings of funds and present situations when you have nothing else to do **but** homework.

9. Read a magazine. Tell yourself you will start your homework after you read a magazine or two. Then search the house for all you can find, even if it's *Readers' Digest*, *National Geographic*, or *Good Housekeeping*.

10. Take care of your pet. Rover hasn't been bathed in weeks and the evidence of this lingers behind him. And what about that poor goldfish. He doesn't deserve algae growing on the side of his bowl. Take care of your pets even though it's not a real pleasant experience. Anything is better than homework, isn't it?

Get it rolling

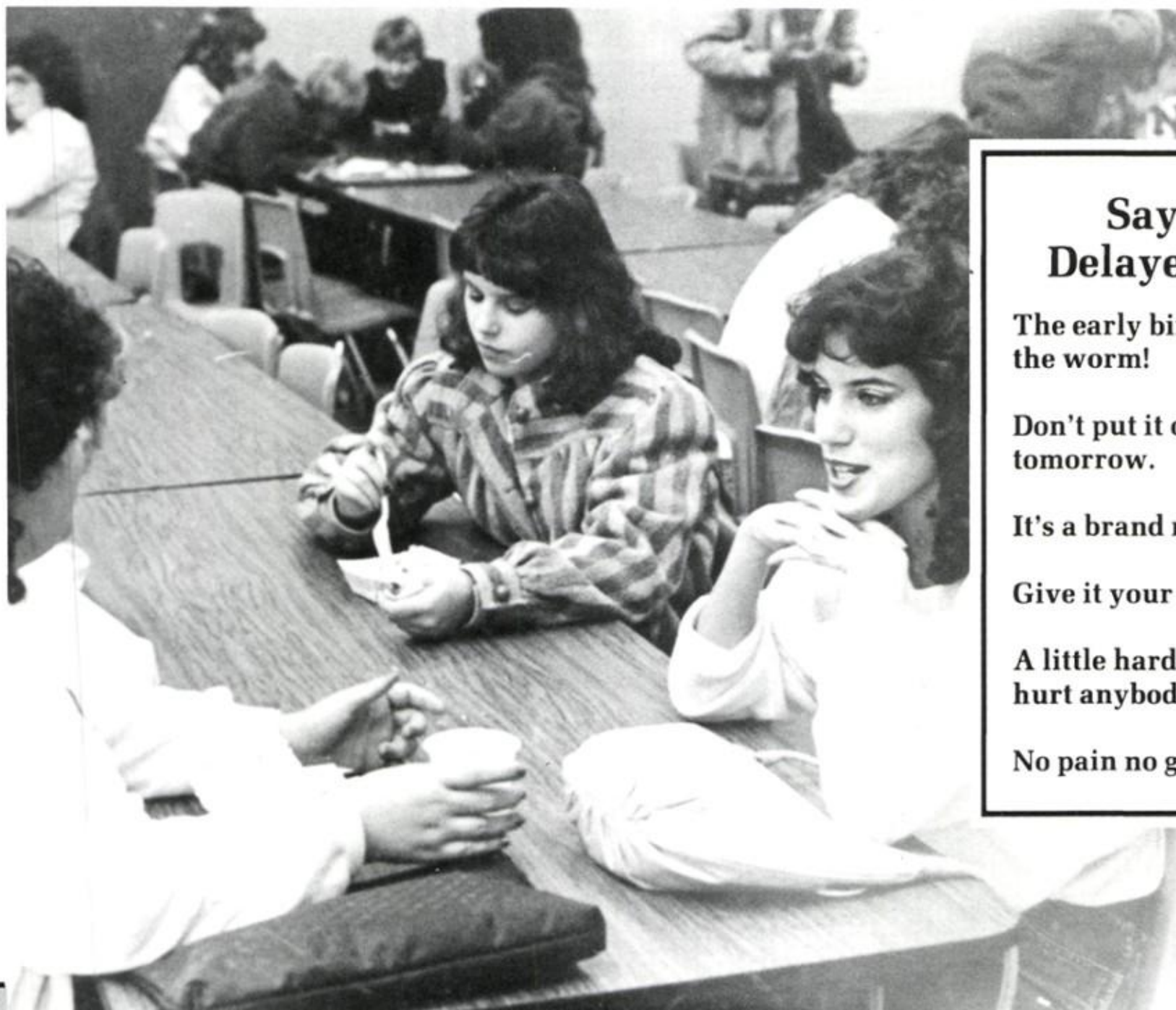
1. Plan out your activities every day. Draw a line down a clean sheet of paper and label one side "Things I want to do" and the other "Things I need to do." This will help you situate your priorities so you can take care of them first.

2. Set long term goals. Someone has to be president. Why not you? Look into the future and set some positive goals no matter how far away they may seem.

3. Smile. What is a face if it's not smiling and looking forward to a new day? A good way to get motivated is to roll up your sleeves, have a cheerful attitude and dive in!

When the teacher gives freetime to do homework, some students took advantage of the opportunity, but others either talked to friends, did other assignments or daydreamed instead of getting their homework over with. Senior Steve George gets his notes together for an algebra review. **Steve Mashman photo.**

Junior Christy Thurman uses her lunch time to talk to her friends about her weekend plans. Some students choose to use their half an hour to go to the library, study for tests, do homework, specialize or eat lunch. Putting off homework and study time was a common practice among students who even when given the time to do a particular assignment choose to do it later. **Steve Mashman photo.**



Sayings Delayers hate

The early bird catches the worm!

Don't put it off till tomorrow.

It's a brand new day!

Give it your all!

A little hard work never hurt anybody.

No pain no gain.

Tops of '86 named Mr., Miss NHS

As four years of extracurricular activities and hard work came to a close, speculation ran rampant as everyone wondered who would be named Mr. and Miss NHS.

In the spring, each teacher nominated two students for Mr.

nominee's activities and honors for their four years of high school. They voted for Mr. and Miss NHS without truly knowing who they chose because the information was sent around with no names, only facts.

Speculation ended at the Senior Awards Assembly in May as Valedictorian Heath Daniels and Salutatorian Rachel Batto were named as Mr. and Miss NHS.

"I was very surprised when I heard my name because I wasn't expecting it," Daniels said. "I enjoyed being named Mr. NHS more than being valedictorian because I admired people who had received it in the past."

During his four years at Nimitz, Daniels was a member of the National Honor Society, serving as president for two years, ranked first in his class for four years, was a member of TRON, Student Council,

Spanish and Latin clubs, Number Sense, placed first at UIL District Ready Writing, and was named Who's Who in Math. Like Daniels, Batto was a member of the National Honor Society, serving as secretary and treasurer, was a member of Mu Alpha Theta, the Academic Decathlon, Bard, was a National Merit Scholar and was named Who's Who in Spanish.

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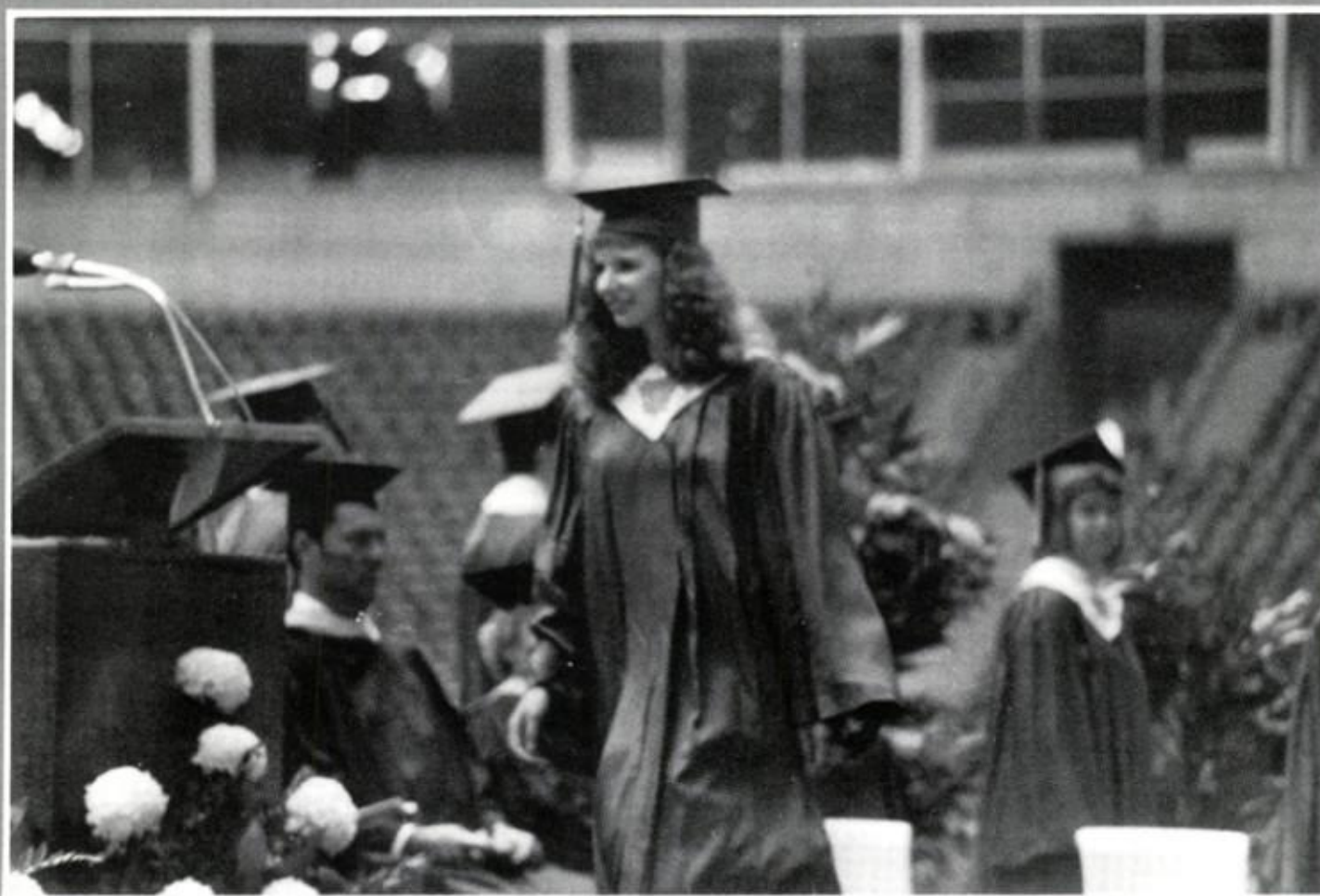
Although winning the title of Mr. and Miss NHS created pride, the pride went deeper than just receiving the title; the pride came from a sense of accomplishment after twelve years. **Story by Wendy Furguson.**

Faculty selects Daniels, Batto as top Vikings from nameless ballots

and Miss NHS, respectively. Once the initial voting was completed, three nominees for each title were selected by means of the number of nominations received. The faculty and administrators then looked over the information sheet that listed each



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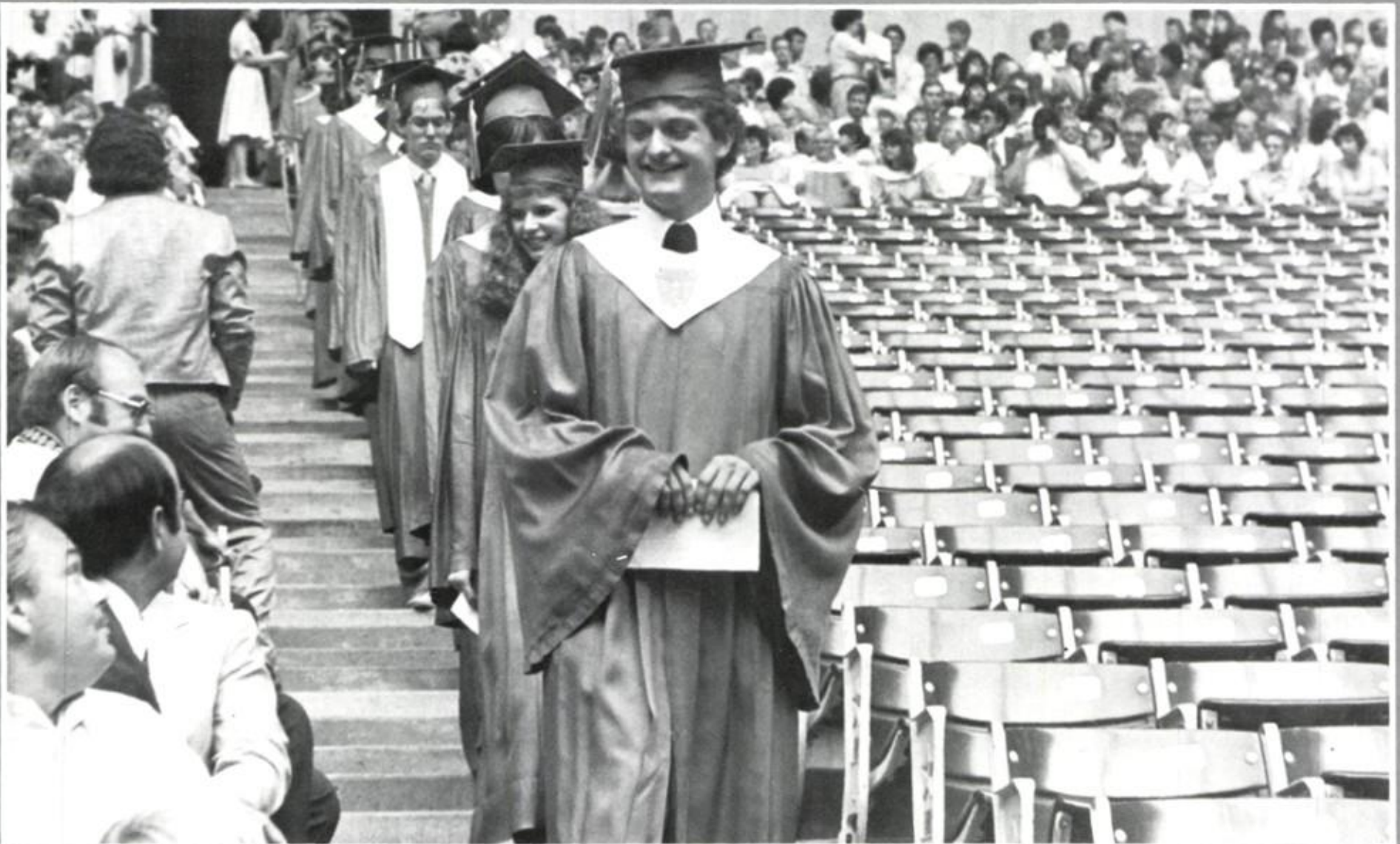
Salutatorian Rachel Batto walks across the stage to receive her diploma at graduation. Batto delivered the Salutatorian's Address with a speech entitled "We Can Make A Difference." **Stephanie Mashman photo.**

Valedictorian Heath Daniels and Salutatorian Rachel Batto lead the senior class into Texas Stadium during the opening processional. Daniels and Batto were selected Mr. and Miss NHS by the faculty for their outstanding contributions to the school. **Carrie Skeen photo.**



Delivering his Valedictorian's address to the senior class and guests at graduation, Senior Heath Daniels chose the topic "Dare to Be Different." Daniels led the graduates across the stage to receive their diplomas from school board members. *Stephanie Mashman photo.*

Celebrating with the Academic Decathlon team in San Antonio, Senior Rachel Batto joins other team members to boast about Nimitz' ninth place finish in the state competition. *Gary Schepf photo.*





Band

Teresa Parsons

The Who's Who recipient should have a good attitude, try out for everything, and always strive to win.

Teresa Parsons



Baseball

Alfred Antonetti

Alfred was our most consistent pitcher on the team. His attitude and leadership were probably the biggest reasons he was selected.

Coach Bryan Harwell



Boys' Basketball

Don Danford

I chose Don Danford because he was our Most Valuable Player for the '85-'86 season. Don played hard all year and had a good year.

Coach John Kras

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Chemistry

Debbie Hendrix

As a Chemistry II student, Debbie has shown her intelligence, wit and laboratory abilities through the year.

Chemistry teacher Teresa Hasty

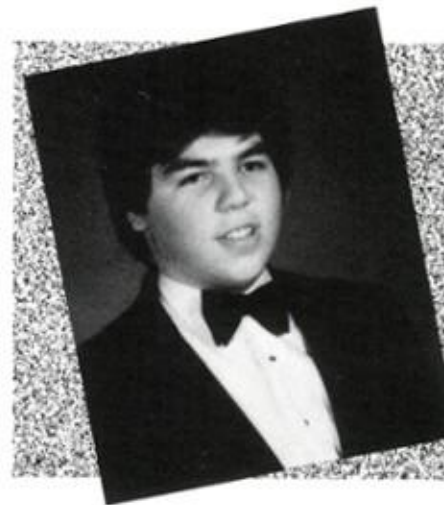


Choir

Del Howard

Who's Who in Choir should go to the most outstanding choir senior member. The member must show leadership by being an officer.

Del Howard



Computer Science

Jim Burden

Because of his work, Jim has proved to be a consistent programmer. His computer talents go unquestioned because of his dedication.

Computer teacher Gary Schepf



Girls' Basketball

Jeannie Skelton

Jeannie was the complete team player. Many times she sacrificed personal goals for the betterment of the team.

Coach Al Tiller



Academic Business

Becky Craig

Becky has exhibited a great deal of ability, talent and maturity in academic subjects, especially in the area of accounting.

Business teacher Gary Schepf



Business Skills

Michael Wolfe

I could have killed Mr. Schepf for saying the week before, "Who in their right mind would give you an award?"

Michael Wolfe

WHO

computersciencedecadraftingdrillteam



DECA

Maria Elizondo

Mrs. Johnson is the most informative and supportive teacher I've had the privilege of having — she's been a friend.

Maria Elizondo



Drafting

Brent Lovelady

The criteria for the Who's Who in Drafting should include my attitude in class, past accomplishments and my classroom performance.

Brent Lovelady



Drill Team

Bridgette Dozier

When I heard my name announced, I was very proud and excited because I felt all the tears, hard work and practice had paid off.

Bridgette Dozier



English

Scott Hunt

He was consistently conscientious in performance, exhibited an eager positive attitude, and possessed a natural skill in all areas.

English teacher Brenda Martin



Football

Kirk Burgess

Kirk is most deserving because he worked hard in practice and played games with great intensity.

Coach Mike Farda



German

Darby Adams

I was very proud to have been named as Who's Who. I felt it was an honor given to me by the school and Mrs. Christenberry.

Darby Adams

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english football german golf home making



Journalism

Cindy Tamayo

The Journalism Who's Who should be someone who is dependable, with determination and respect for others.

Cindy Tamayo



Latin

George De La Rosa

I felt a rush of excitement and thrill of conquering a goal I had set two years ago when I first became interested in Latin.

George De La Rosa



Math

Heath Daniels

I'm proud that Heath won Who's Who in Math and I'm very thankful that he's my son.

Mrs. Daniels



Golf

Kenny Almanza

The Who's Who in golf should have patience, self-endurance and self-motivation for success in golf.

Kenny Almanza



HECE

Amy Marbut

Amy completed two years of training maintaining an excellence of education both years. She is a very dedicated, industrious teacher.

HECE teacher Barbara Copeland



Homemaking

Kerry Street

When Ms. Barbee announced my name as the Who's Who, I was surprised and flattered.

Kerry Street

WHO

journalism latin math njrotc orchestra



NJROTC

Doug Rhodes

The NJROTC Who's Who must be an all-around perfect example, a great leader and consistently a great performer.

Doug Rhodes



Orchestra

Daniel Nix

The Orchestra Who's Who should have musical talent, leadership, dependability and dedication.

Daniel Nix



Girls' PE

Natie Chaves

Natie received the Who's Who award because she demonstrates excellent prowess in dance, getting along with others, and a desire to excel.

Coach Janet Cochran



Physics

Annie John

I feel that Mr. Sitton looked for determination and hard work. He enjoys students who make an extra effort to understand.

Annie John



Soccer

Vince Zost

It was an honor to be named Who's Who in Soccer. Some people told me I would get it, but I wasn't sure.

Vince Zost



Social Studies

Steve Mashman

Because he cares to know and gains knowledge outside, as well as inside the classroom about social studies, he was chosen.

Social Studies teacher Carol Pier

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physics soccer social studies spanish speech track



Girls' Track

Theresa Smith

When I heard my name, I felt a special feeling of achievement and honor, an honor where I gave my school, my peers and myself pride.

Theresa Smith



VOCT

Craig Crum

I chose Craig Crum for Who's Who in VOCT because he was very dependable, had a cheerful personality and represented the club.

VOCT teacher Rosemary Evans



VOE

Michelle Sutton

When I want a job done right, I give it to Michelle. Michelle is always the first volunteer for a difficult project.

OEA teacher Mary Lee Brown



Spanish

Rachel Batto

I think Who's Who in Spanish was based on ability to speak and write the language and a willingness to experiment with new constructions.

Rachel Batto



Speech

Karen Sutherland

When I received the Who's Who, I felt proud. I felt I was the best in my field and as if the hard work had paid off.

Karen Sutherland



Boys' Track

Brian Willms

Brian Willms was instrumental in leading Nimitz to two district championships and was deserving of the Who's Who award.

Coach Milton Watson

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Volleyball

Lisa Jerpi

Lisa was very excited to receive the Who's Who award, and we were very pleased for her.

Mrs. Jerpi



Woodworking

Tim Burson

To receive the Woodworking Who's Who, you should be a good student willing to learn and try your best.

Tim Burson

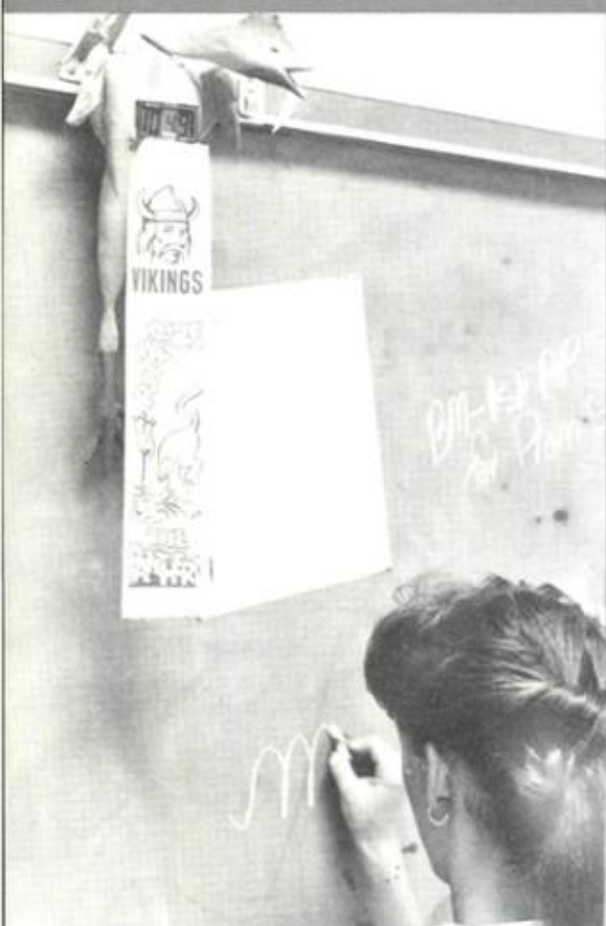


Wrestling

Dennis Hammer

The Who's Who in Wrestling must establish a certain amount of placement points and contribute medal points to the team.

Dennis Hammer



Leaving a message for another staff member, yearbook Junior Shannon Ingram writes her note near Wade the Watch Chicken, the classroom clock in the newspaper room. Wade, named after the Boston Red Sox's slugger Wade Boggs, served as a focal point of the room. Chad Windham photo.

Staring off into space was often not a hard thing to do with a cloud of geometric figures hanging over the heads of students in Connie Kilday's classroom. The figures were created by students for extra credit projects and offer help to others by providing examples of different shapes. Chad Windham photo.

Class styles are grey wall-busters

Walking through the door of the classroom, attitudes changes with the scenery as quickly as the weather changes in Texas. The way a room is set up many reflect the way students attitudes and behavior are presented.

"Be quiet, sit down, prepare to take notes" were often heard by students from teachers all over the building before the bell ever rang.

But there is a major difference between a teacher who will allow students to get comfortable and those who keep their rooms looking like cellblocks.

An empty gym that soon will be filled with lots of noise and activity the newspaper room soon bustling with conversations of what topics to present in the next paper, the homemaking rooms coming alive with

the smells of good things cooking or the busy whir of sewing machines. Some classes present a more free environment allowing talking and movement.

Students did relax more noticeably in these comfortable rooms. There is no sit down and stare at the chalk board here. They all have a personal touch, something unique brought to a bare room by the teacher who presided there.

"In my classroom the students seem to be in a more comfortable and relaxed mood," science teacher Diane McLean said. "Maybe it is the way I decorate my room. It is a little different."

The geometric figures that hang from the ceiling or the atomic models on the cabinets are all clues about what goes on the rooms. Each room develops its own

special personality, depending on the teacher.

"It's not just the students that change the appearance of the classroom," traveling biology teacher Pat Austin said, "but the teachers

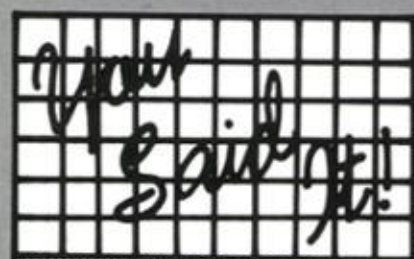
Teachers' personalities and subjects are often reflected in classroom decor

themselves change it."

"Wade was a gift from a good friend who is also a teacher," journalism teacher Carrie Skeen said of her rubber chicken clock hanging over the blackboard. "He knew how important it was to have a little fun in the classroom."

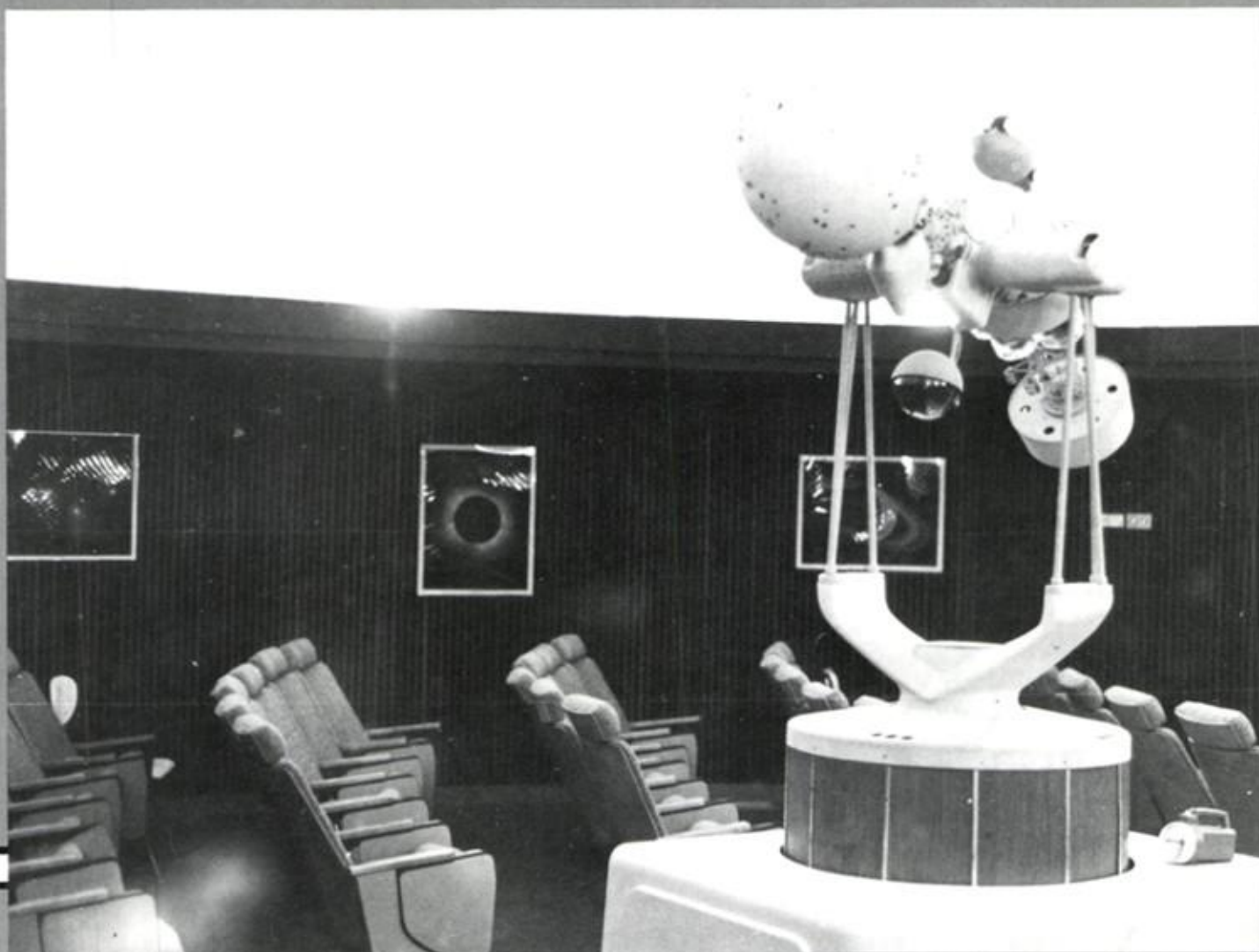
Do we learn better in a more comfortable atmosphere? Who knows? But comfortable places make the whole process a lot easier.

How far is it to South Africa, Sri Lanka or New Zealand? It was an easy question to answer with a map like this commanding attention on the wall in Carol Pier's history room. The entire world was painted on the wall in bright colors making it easier for students to calculate distances and locations of countries being discussed in current events classes. Chad Windham photo.



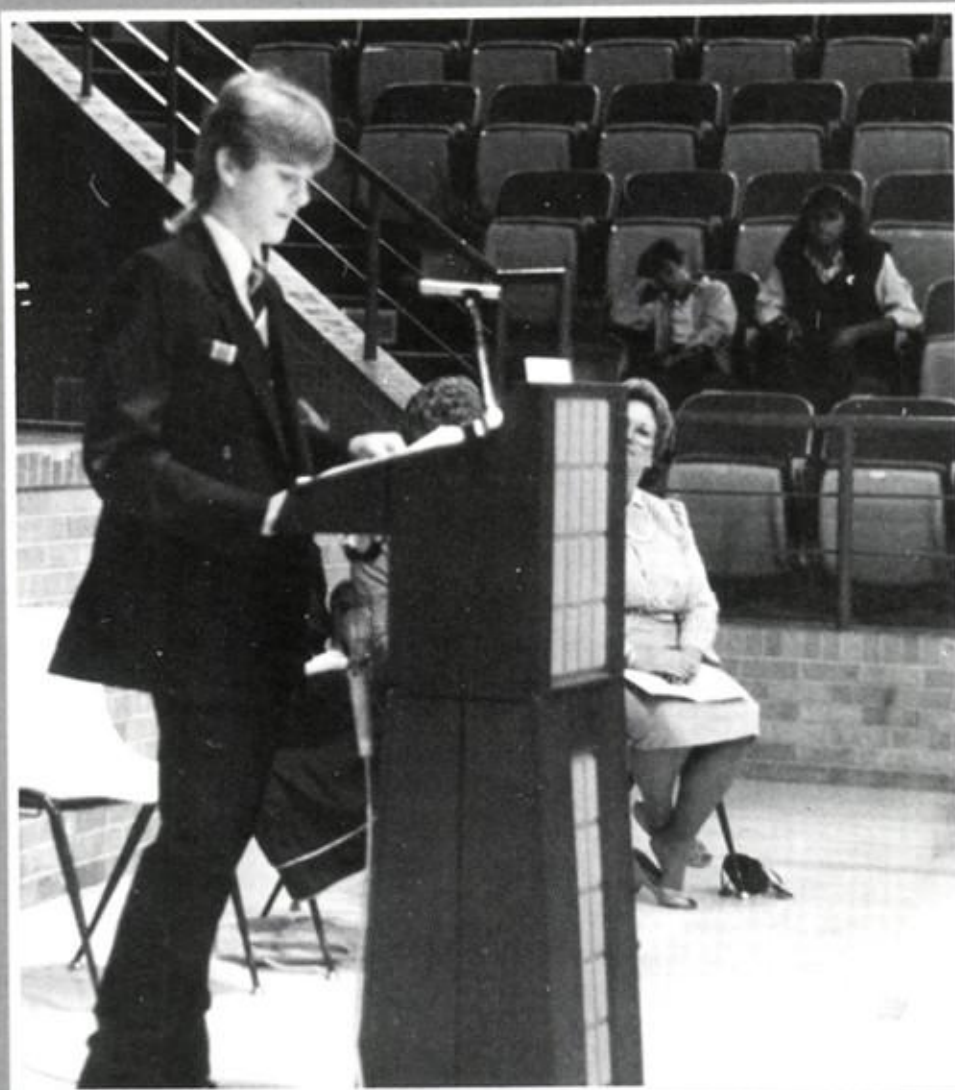
You can tell a lot by the way a classroom looks. I like to have something to look at if I feel like I'm going to fall asleep. Then I can give the teacher my full attention again. Sophomore Steve Fletcher

Where's the blackboard and desks? Students who spent time in the planetarium got soft padded chairs and low lights to study by while this large machine took center stage by displaying the heavens on the domed ceiling. Chad Windham photo



Pointing out the requirements for membership, Junior Allan Adams speaks to the inductees at the Mu Alpha Theta induction ceremony. Teachers assigned oral reports to prepare students for situations in which they might be required to give a speech. Chad Windham photo.

Having fun while raising money for the senior class, Seniors Darby Adams, Daniel Nix and Wade Raper perform their roles in the senior play, "Cheaper by the Dozen." In addition to learning to speak in front of people, students gained self-confidence when doing an oral report. Chad Windham photo.



'G-g-give an o-o-oral r-r-report?'

Sweaty palms, shaky hands, weak knees and a stammering voice — the obvious symptoms of a person about to give an oral report.

Although many students thought teachers assigned oral reports to make their life miserable and embarrass them, others reasons were behind the assignment of an oral report.

"Learning to speak in front of people with planned thoughts prepares you for the real world," American History teacher Helen Bradley said.

Students provided additional reasons for oral reports.

"Oral reports are assigned to teach students to be more self-assured and in hopes that it will build self-esteem," Junior Jennifer Johnson said.

"I think oral reports let the teacher get to know the

students better because their personality shows more than in their writing," Junior Donna Sherritt said.

When a teacher assigned an oral report, he may have had goals they hoped the students to achieve when they finished the report.

"I want to students learn how to do their own investigation beyond the textbook and research to find the answers to their questions," Bradley said.

To some students the whole procedure of an oral report was hard, but others thought certain parts were most difficult.

"The hardest part is when you first get up in front of the class and say your first few sentences," Sherritt said.

Even though the bad points stacked higher than the good, students thought there was a good side to oral

reports.

"Even though you might not learn anything from the report itself, you'll be less nervous the next time," Johnson said.

Oral reports designed to teach self-confidence, esteem, not anxiety

Unbelievable as it seems, the sweaty palms, shaky hands, weak knees, and the stammering voice go away and the person realizes that everyone in the class will be in his shoes one day. **Story by Wendy Furguson.**



You Said It!

The hardest part of an oral report is standing up in front of the people you eat lunch with, party with, and even the people you don't hang around, and talk.
Junior Jennifer Johnson

During commencement exercises at Texas Stadium, Valedictorian Heath Daniels delivers his graduation speech to the class of 1986 and their families. Oral reports were assigned to prepare students for the future with the ability to speak in front of a group of people. **Stephanie Mashman photo.**

Studying an information packet in preparation for the state Decathlon meet, Senior decathlete Dennise Garcia discovers the answers to her questions. As part of their study regiment, the decathletes gave a one-minute impromptu speech and a five-minute planned speech. **Kevin Carr photo.**

Doughy reward for time, pressure

Who would spend several hours at school and then spend nights and weekends studying for a chance at \$14,000 in scholarships?

A member of the Academic Decathlon would

for two hours, three days a week beginning with the first day of school and increasing to two hours every day and 9-4 on Saturdays after Christmas holidays.

"The pressure to get everything done and working on Saturdays are the bad aspects of being on the team," Senior decathlete Dennise Garcia said.

The decathletes studied six subject areas (history, English, math, science, fine arts, and economics) to prepare for the super quiz at regionals in February where they placed second and state in March where they placed ninth.

Although the decathletes

and coaches saw time and pressure as drawbacks, they also found some good with the bad.

"Being a decathlete, you relearn everything and apply knowledge to its fullest extent," Senior decathlete So-Young Kim said.

"The most rewarding thing about coaching is to hear the yelling and cheering for the academic abilities just like for the athletic abilities," Pier said.

Although the decathletes spent long hours with their noses in the books, they enjoyed themselves as they gained valuable experience and received the opportunity at scholarships. **Story by Wendy Furguson.**

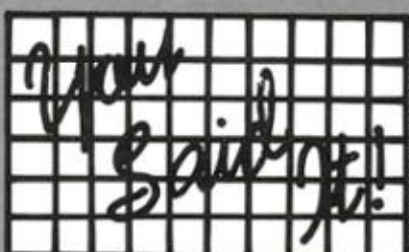
Scholarships, desire provide incentive for long hours of work.

and did. Students and teachers alike agreed that a desire to be the best motivated the decathletes.

"Desire is the most important requirement for a decathlete, but SAT/ACT scores and past classes are also important," Coach Carol Pier said.

The decathlon team met

After placing ninth out of 29 teams at the state Decathlon meet, the Academic Decathlon team and coaches display their self-satisfaction with the nearly 40,000 points accumulated at the state competition in San Antonio on March 12. **Gary Schepf photo.**



I'm proud of Nimitz as a whole. I got into this (Academic Decathlon) because I was tired of hearing that we weren't as capable as other schools. Now, the whole city and state know. Coach Carol Pier



As a part of the support group of Nimitz faculty and students which traveled to San Antonio to cheer on the decathletes, Seniors Chris Pierce, Daniel Kirby, Juniors Cindy Mee and Tabatha Moore stand in front of the Governor's Mansion to take pictures of the capitol building. **Gary Schepf photo.**



Finding the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, Senior Decathlete Elizabeth Joseph receives her medal for months of time-consuming studying and hard work to be the best. The decathletes began studying in the summer and gradually increased their study time during the year. Gary Schepf photo.

Realizing that more than nine months of hard work is complete, Junior decathlete Eric Habercamp shows his medal at the awards ceremony for the Texas Academic Decathlon. Habercamp was the only junior as well as the only male on the decathlon team. Gary Schepf photo.

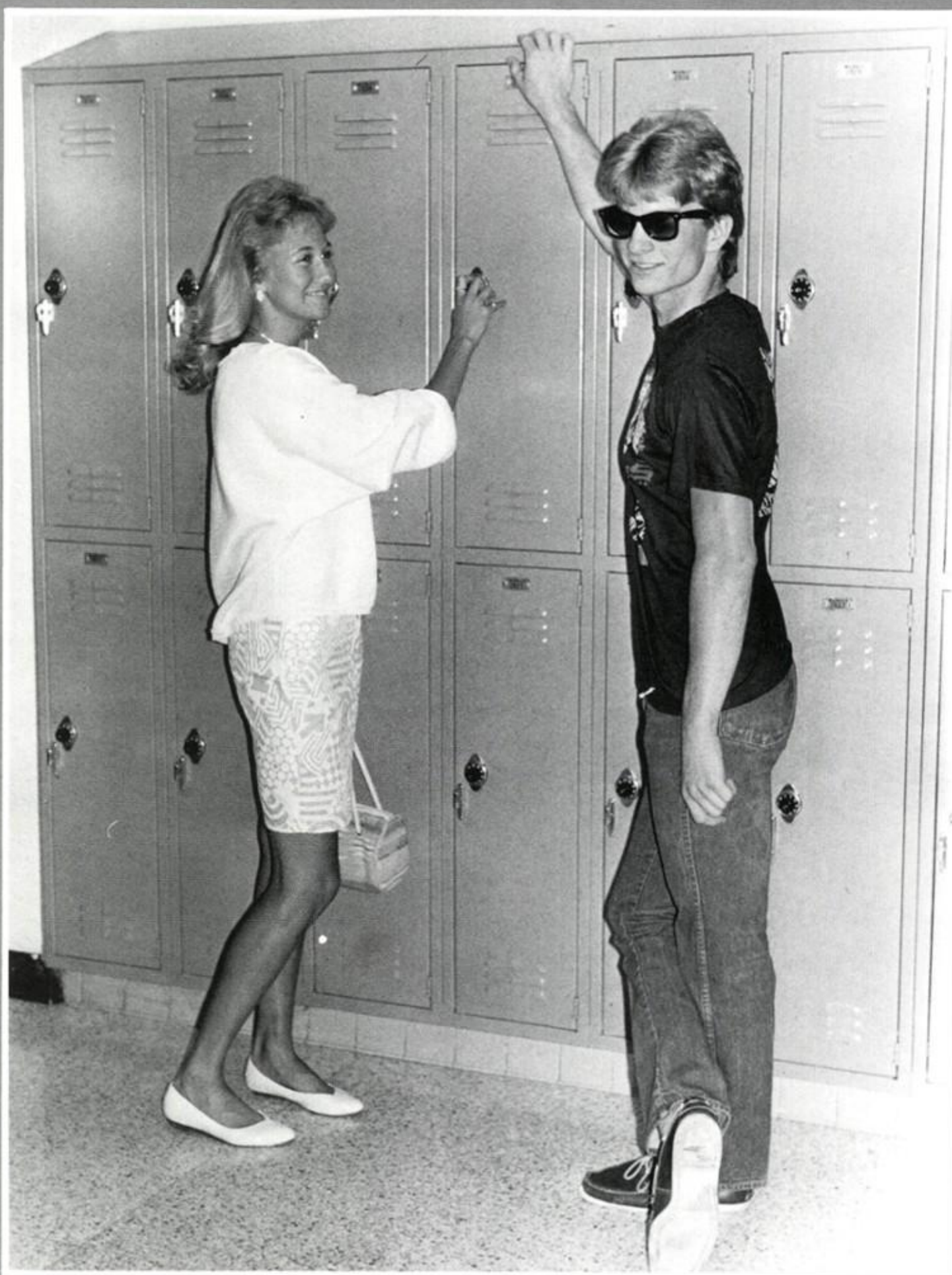
Mr. and Miss Typical Student

Hair Long-short-long on one side, short on the other-blonde-brown-red-black-purple-blonde, brown and purple-kinky-curly-straight-rolled-Anyway you cut it, it was anything but typical.

Tops Blouses-shirts-sweaters-sweatshirts-T-shirts-tank tops-both-Tops were mixed, matched, coordinated and sometimes just thrown on.

Bottoms Minis-long skirts in plaids, prints-splits in the middle or in the back-with no hose-with different colored hose-stirrup pants-baggy jeans-tight jeans-multi-colored jeans-Just as long as it didn't get caught by the shorts patrol.

Shoes Pink-blue-green-blue-black-laces-buttons-stapped-skimmers-pumps-spikes-They were something to keep the toes warm.



Typical Nimitz Vikings were everything but. Individuality ran rampant and cropped up in everything from book covers to writing assignments to hair colors and styles to choice of tennis shoes to favorite ice cream flavor. Juniors Meredith McCoy and Clint Parsons strike poses as typical students in a typical hallway scene to show off some of the gear that made everyone a little atypical.

Hair Short-long-buzzed-flat-top-to the side-down the middle-above the ear-over the collar-The guys may not have had all the options of the girls but they cut it close.

Tops Concert shirts-jerseys-Polos-Coca-Cola-Swatch-big and baggy-tight and tough- If it got attention, it was tops.

Bottoms Levi's 501s- white-bleached-Calvin Klein-Wranglers-Guess- Lee-Generra-Union Bay-sweats of all colors- Today it could be three sizes too big or three sizes too small and still fit right in.

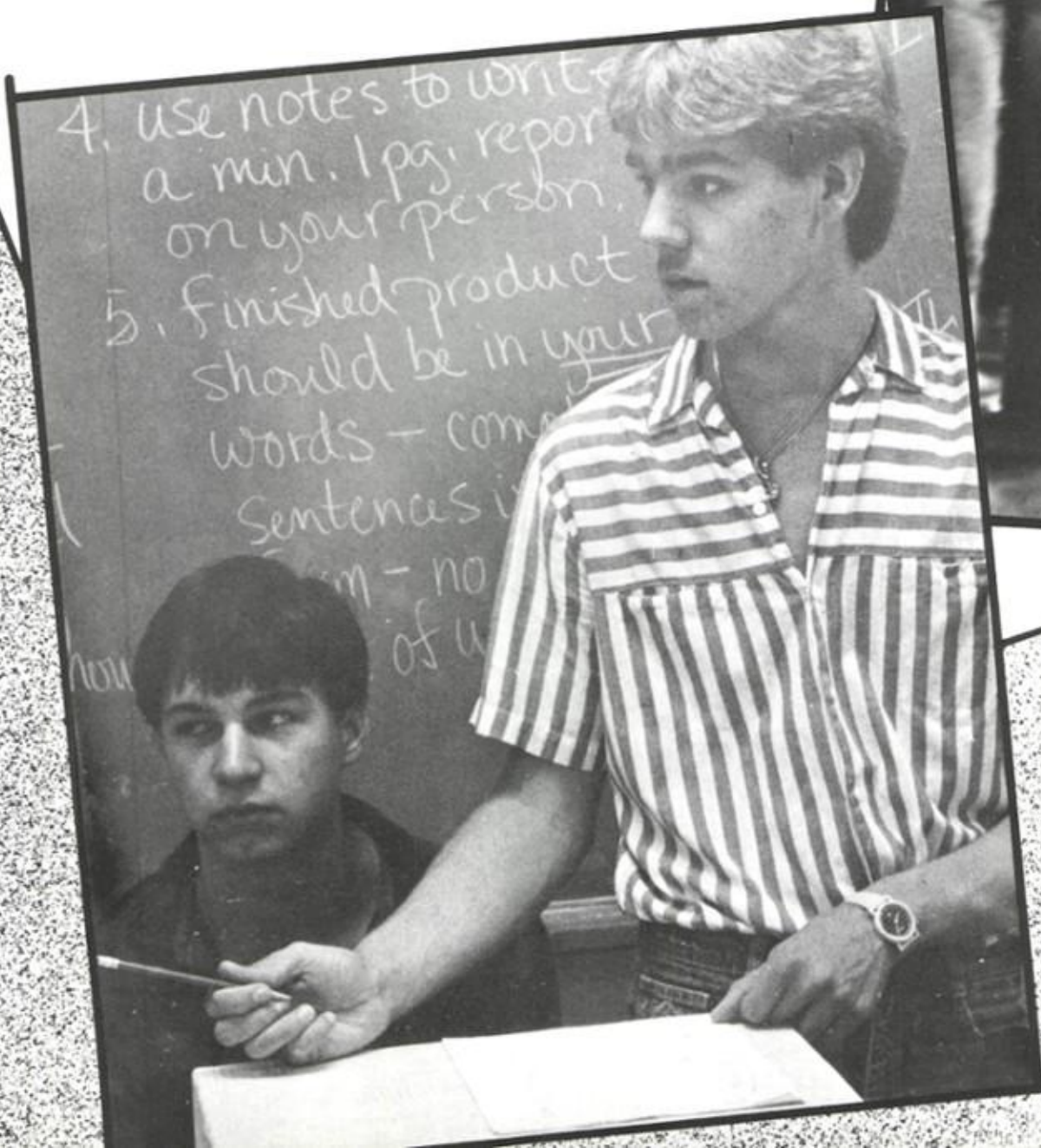
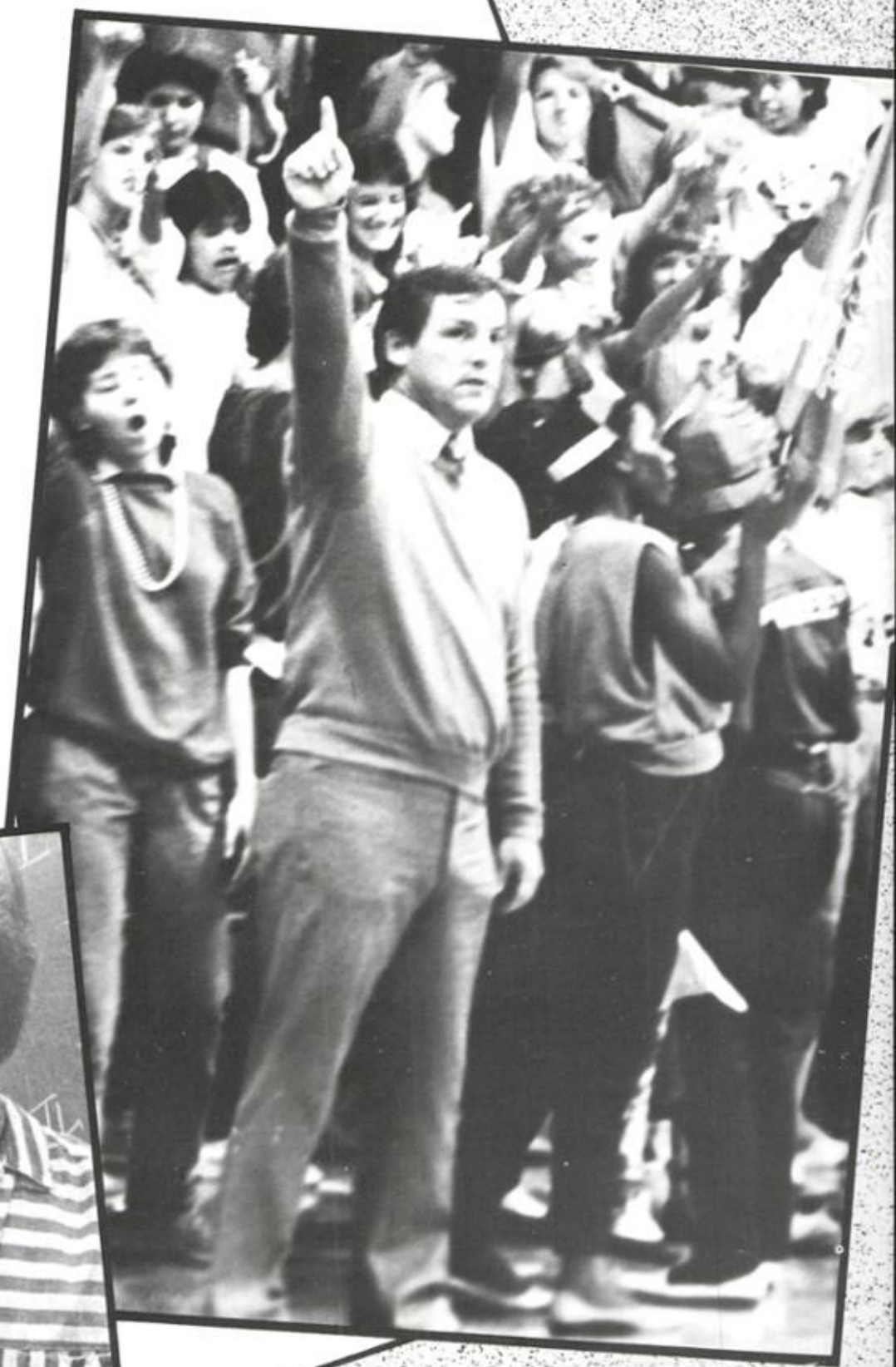
Shoes Top Siders in brown, tan, blue or green-tennis shoes from Reebok, Nike, Kaepa, Converse Hi's and Low's-penny loafers-boots- thongs-Comfort was the main factor to most but stepping in style was all that mattered to some.

Out of the Blue

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Music & Movies
A backward glance
T.V. & Radio
Trends & Fads
A personal look
Between teachers & Friends
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"The silver and the blue!" sang Vice-Principal Bill McAlister. Having pride in the Nimitz family did not only pertain to students but the faculty felt that spirit just as much. Class sponsors added a great deal of difference to the pep rallies by organizing themes and costumes. Joe Salinas photo.

Presiding over a Junior Historians meeting, Juniors Jeff Morgan and Mike Marzi take a count of how many members are planning to attend an upcoming activity. The organization was very active in doing such things as visiting Omni Theatre, Old City Park, and the Holocaust Museum. Chad Windham photo.

Out of the Blue

Students speak out on world affairs

◀ I don't agree with the United States bombing Libya. It is too easy to start a war. We're playing with fire.

Freshman Terri Kennaley

◀ I agree because they pushed us far enough. We couldn't let them take advantage of us any more.

Junior Tim Hux

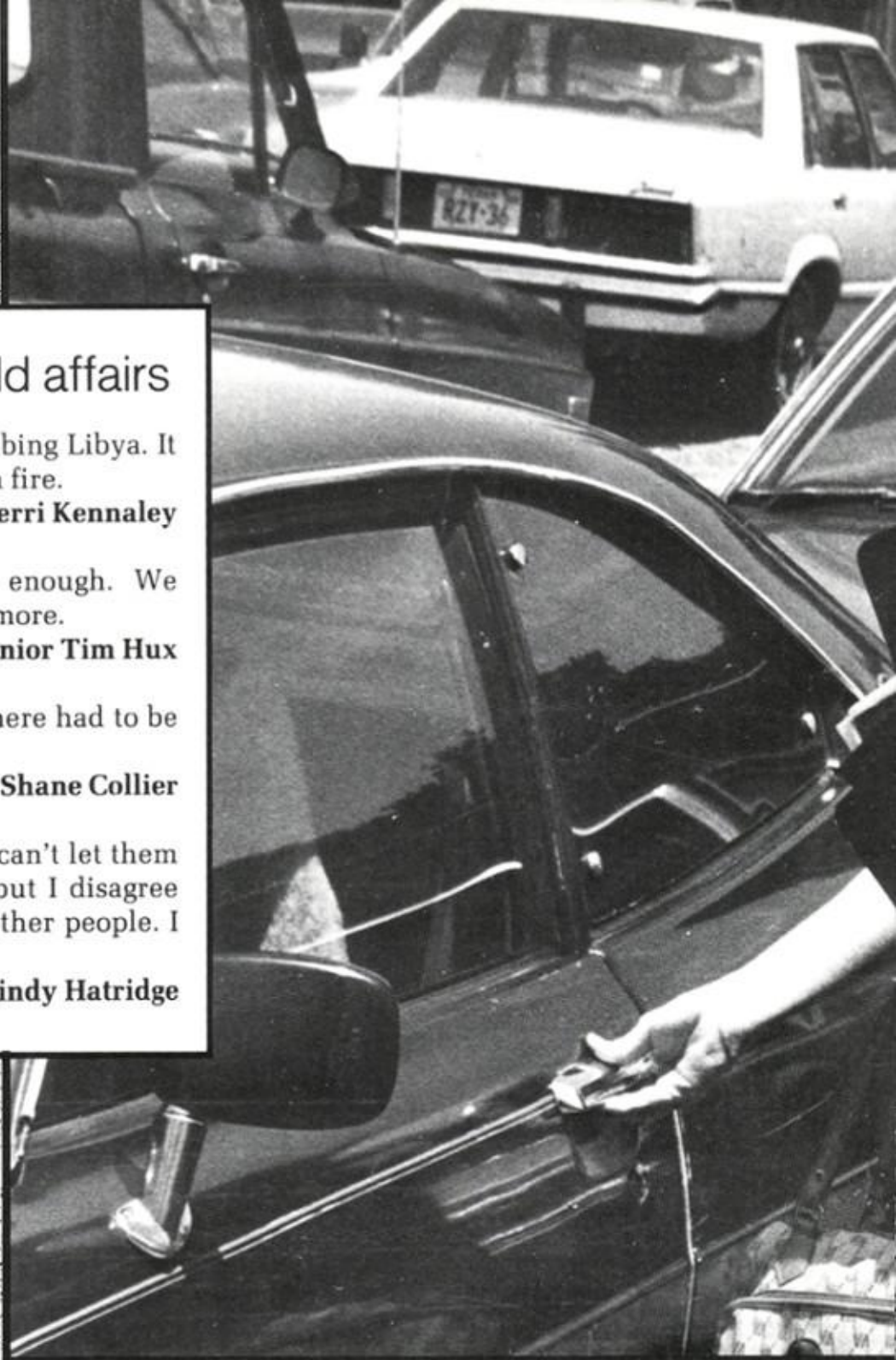
◀ I am behind the United States because there had to be an end to the terrorism. It has gone too far.

Sophomore Shane Collier

◀ I agree and disagree. I agree because we can't let them get away with what Khadafy was doing, but I disagree because I don't like to see people killing other people. I wish there was another alternative.

Senior Cindy Hatridge

With matching cowboy hats for the little princes on the table, the mayor of Austin, Texas presents Britain's Prince Charles with his own ten gallon special. Prince Charles visited Austin and other Texas cities to help celebrate the state's sesquicentennial in March. The 150th birthday of Texas independence from Mexico provides a year-long series of parties and celebrations. C-Net — Richard Blereau photo.





Inch by inch

On your mark, Get set, Go" was an appropriate expression to describe students approximately one second after the 3:30 bell sounded. The race to get out of the parking lot first was on.

Drivers started their engines, and most found that they had a five minute wait to take-off time. Some spent their five minutes listening to their favorite music while others used the time to chat with friends they no longer had in class. This was also a good time to show off one's car.

Others waited until the traffic lessened.

"My boyfriend and I usually take our time getting to our locker and getting homework so we don't have to wait but a few seconds to get out of the parking lot," said Senior Becky Murray.

The process of moving inch by inch finally ended as everyone's turn came to exit. Everyone went their separate ways until the next day.



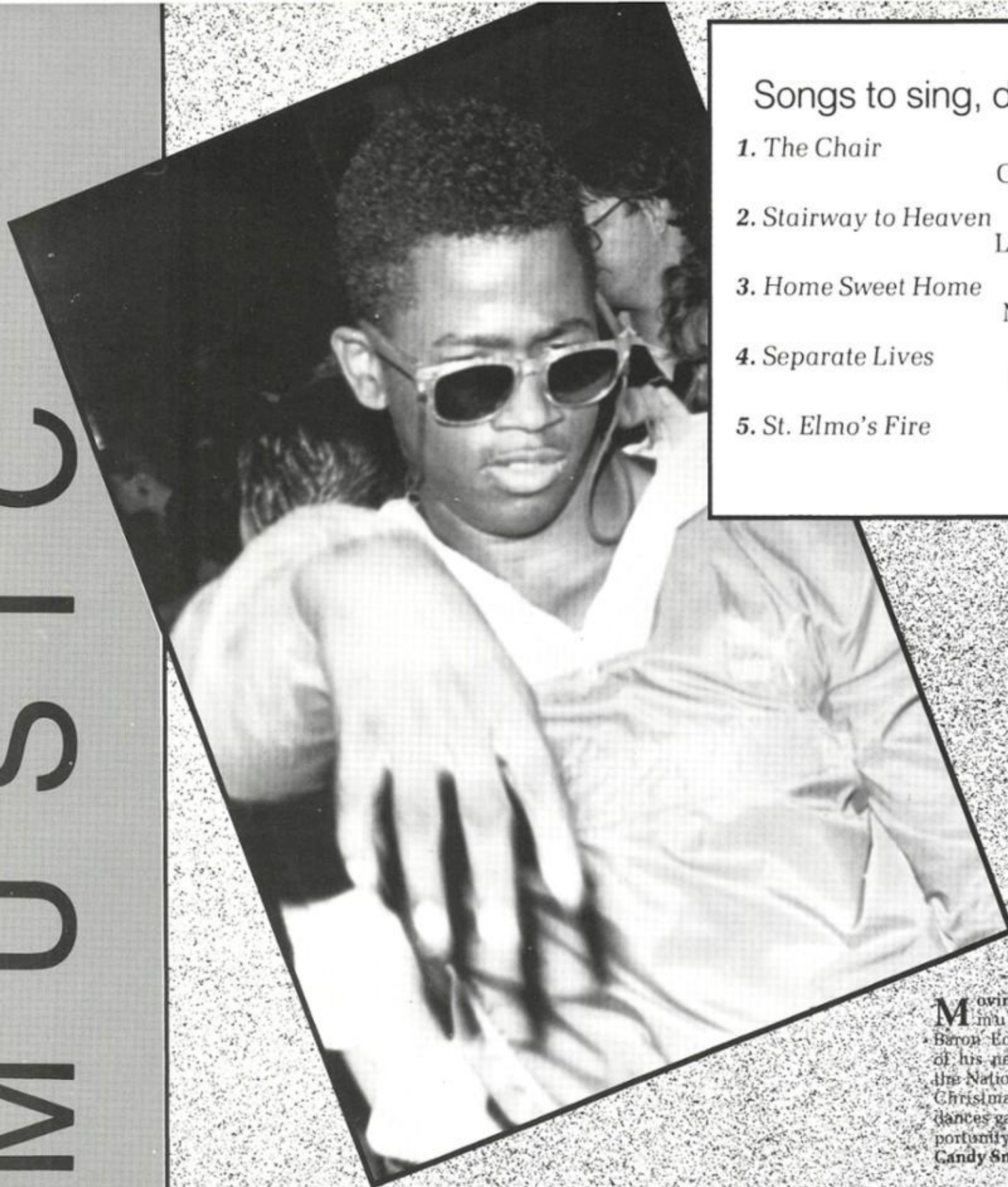
A familiar sight along the Irving streets were the DART buses. The Irving DART system gave students the option of riding in a air-conditioned, radio-equipped bus over riding in a school bus. John Mowry photo.

Hurrying to get out of the parking lot, Senior Becky Murray tries to juggle her books in order to open her car door. Murray attempted to avoid a traffic jam caused by students' rush to leave. Joe Salinas photo.

A year of celebrations, progress but not without tragedies

- ◀ Two devastating earthquakes jolt Western and Central Mexico, leaving more than 7,000 dead.
- ◀ Farm Aid, a benefit concert in Champaign, Illinois, organized by singer Willie Nelson, raises about \$7 million to help US farmers.
- ◀ First day of school — Nimitz's new library opens leaving the old facility to be used as a study hall.
- ◀ Dr. William McKinney becomes superintendent of Irving ISD.
- ◀ "No Pass, No Play" ruling in effect for its first full year.
- ◀ Texas celebrates its 150 birthday — Sesquicentennial fever!
- ◀ Delta Flight 191 crashes at DFW airport.
- ◀ White Water closes.
- ◀ Prince Charles comes to Texas.
- ◀ Seat belt law requiring front seat passengers to wear their belts goes into effect.
- ◀ Space Shuttle Challenger explodes 70 seconds after take-off, killing crew of seven, including the first civilian, teacher Christa McAuliffe.
- ◀ Halley's Comet returns.
- ◀ US makes a bombing raid on Libya.
- ◀ Nuclear reactor in Chernobyl, Russia explodes.
- ◀ Corazon Aquino becomes president of the Philippines.
- ◀ Hands Across America, Americans holding hands from Los Angeles to New York, helps to raise money for the homeless and less fortunate.
- ◀ Mark White and Bill Clements win their parties' nomination for a rematch to be governor.
- ◀ Texas repeals the Blue Laws and the malls open on Sunday.

MUSIC



Songs to sing, dance to

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|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1. The Chair | George Strait |
| 2. Stairway to Heaven | Led Zeppelin |
| 3. Home Sweet Home | Motley Crue |
| 4. Separate Lives | Phil Collins |
| 5. St. Elmo's Fire | John Parr |

Moving in time with the music. Sophomore Baron Edgar illustrates one of his new dance moves at the National Honor Society's Christmas dance. School dances gave students the opportunity to show their stuff. Candy Smille photo.

Top music makers

1. Alabama
2. Led Zeppelin
3. Duran-Duran
4. George Strait
5. Kiss
6. Motley Crue
7. Chicago
8. Journey
9. Petra
10. Phil Collins



Moviegoers with lasting impressions

◀ I didn't actually see *Back to the Future*, but I heard it was a good movie and I know I would have liked it because I think Michael J. Fox is pretty.

Freshman Roshanda Thompson

◀ *Back to the Future* was an exciting movie. Michael J. Fox made the movie. He is really funny.

Freshman Katrina Torres

◀ I liked the movie *Rambo* because it was a heroic movie.

Sophomore Harry Cruz

◀ I really liked *Pretty in Pink*. It was a modern love story where a poor girl and a rich guy fall in love.

Senior Leslie Egbert

◀ *The Breakfast Club* was like real life. It showed the problems teenagers face every day.

Junior Allan Adams

Four-star film choices

1. Back to the Future
2. Rambo
3. Nightmare on Elm Street
4. Beverly Hills Cop
5. St. Elmo's Fire
6. Jagged Edge
7. The Wall
8. Pretty in Pink
9. Breakfast Club



MOVIES

At the Senior Aid concert, Joseph Edades and Chris Hall perform a Led Zeppelin song. Senior Aid helped the Senior class raise the money they needed for prom. Kevin Carr photo.

In a scene from the movie *Pretty in Pink*, Molly Ringwald confides in her friend Annie Potts. Ringwald has just been told by her boyfriend that he can no longer take her to the prom. Paramount pictures photo.

Your Choice wheels

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| 1. Porsche | 5. Mustang |
| 2. Lamborghini | 6. Mercedes |
| 3. Corvette | 7. Jaguar |
| 4. Ferrari | 8. Trans Am |

As a result of a student survey, a Porsche is the car most students would like to have. With its shiny red paint and sleek style, many could picture themselves behind the wheel. Candy Smilie photo.

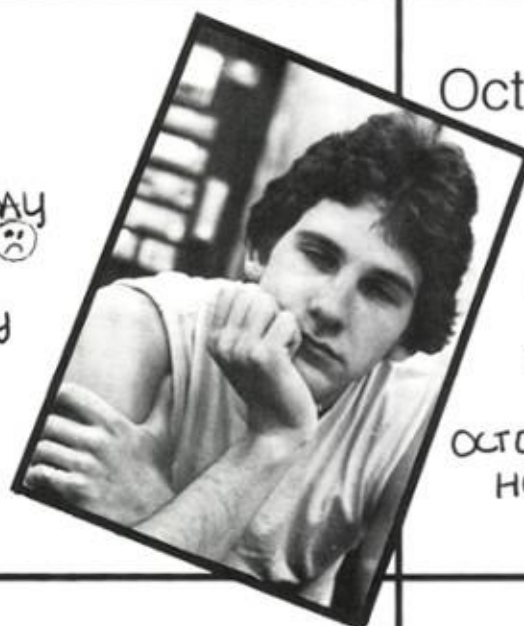


September

SEPTEMBER 2 - LABOR DAY
LAST DAY OF SUMMER! ☹️

SEPTEMBER 3 - 1st DAY
of SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 6 -
Western Hill's Game



October

OCTOBER 1 - COLLEGE NIGHT
Junior Teams Testing

OCTOBER 14 - FAIR DAY!! get out 2:31

OCTOBER 23 - Senior Pan. Picture

OCTOBER 28 - Decorate Doors for
HOMECOMING « Through the years »
31 - Decorate Halls

January

JANUARY 1 - NEW YEARS - 1986 !!!
JANUARY 3 - back to school ☹️

JANUARY 16 & 17 - SEMESTER EXAMS
15 & 16 - study, study, study!
{ open campus lunch - McDonald's }

JANUARY 21 - New Semester

JANUARY 24 - PTA Dance 🎵 🎵 🎵

February

FEBRUARY 11, 12, 13 - 9th
TEAMS TESTS

FEBRUARY 14 ♡ ♡ ♡'s DAY
Favorites Dance ♡

February 27 - 6-weeks
Exams



May

MAY 3 - Spring CLEAN UP DAY

MAY 4 - ⬠ Sophomore Picnic at Fritz

MAY 9 - CLASS OFFICER ELECTIONS

MAY 22 - Spring Game at UTA

MAY 31 - GRADUATION *last Day of school* YEA!!

Summer '86

June 2... The sunlight from my window awoke me as I made a mad dash to see what time it was. I threw my alarm clock down, !?!, it was 8 a.m.! "Why didn't you go off?!" I yelled. But then it occurred to me — It was the first day of summer. The next three months were all mine.

My bad mood changed instantly as I thought of my options. I could get a part-time job, go on vacation, or yes, sleep late and sunbathe! I could see it now...

Then I heard my mother calling me, "Come down here, honey, I have several things I want you to do today. Since you're not in school, I knew you wouldn't mind doing housework."

Where is the justice?

A backward glance

Any way you count it — 9 months, 36 weeks, 180 days —
'85-'86 was jam-packed with activity and good times

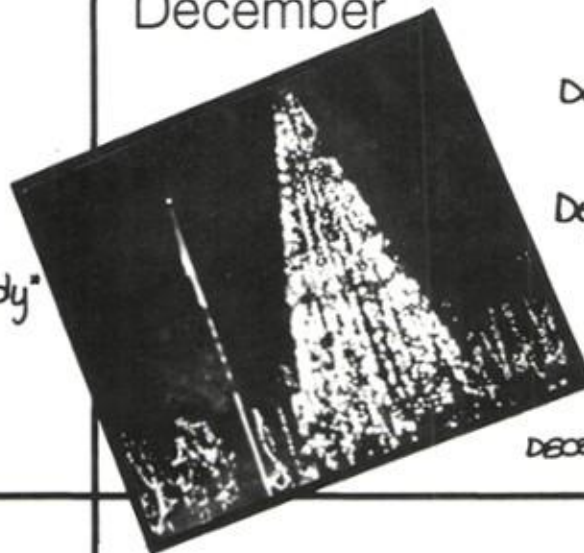
November

NOVEMBER 2 - HOMECOMING ★
Friday night - bonfire
Saturday morning - parade
evening - dance & game

NOVEMBER 15 - Drama Production "Exit the Body"
7:30

NOVEMBER 28-29 - Thanksgiving Holiday !!

December



December 13 Honor Society
DANCE

December 13th 4 Sr. Play
"Cheaper by the Dozen"

December 20 - Adopt-a-
Child party

X-mas
DECEMBER 23 - 31 - break

March

March 2-3 - Academic Decathlon Regionals

March 6 - REPORT CARDS [possible grounding]

March 10 - No school - TEACHERS' TEST

March 17 - Open house

March 17-29 SMILE WEEK ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺

March 24-29 SPRING break: YEA !!

April

APRIL 8-9 - CAT testing

APRIL 11 - Student Council officer elections

APRIL 17, 18 - 6-weeks EXAMS

APRIL 21 - Sesquicentennial Holiday

APRIL 26 SENIOR PROM ★! 🎉!

Ideas of Paradise

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|---------------|--------------|
| 1. Hawaii | 6. Bahamas |
| 2. Florida | 7. Galveston |
| 3. Colorado | 8. Texas |
| 4. London | 9. Arkansas |
| 5. California | 10. Mexico |



During Spring Break students and teachers visited places in England such as the Bath Abbey in Bath. "I really liked seeing all of the old history behind England," said Librarian Cindy Curney. Helen Bradley photo.

Tube Alternatives

- ◀ **Talk on the phone.** Call an old friend you have not talked to in a long time. They are probably just as bored as you.
- ◀ **Sleep.** While you have some free time catch up on those z's you've been missing by doing homework late at night after all the good shows are over.
- ◀ **Eat.** This is number one on the priority list. Don't waste any time. Dive into the refrigerator for your favorite snack.
- ◀ **Exercise.** Now that you've eaten, work off those extra pounds, get into shape. Take a jog or ride your bike to a friend's house.
- ◀ **Listen to the radio.** Get into the Top Forty hits. Don't miss out on the latest songs. For a kick, give the Kidd a call.
- ◀ **Do your homework.** You can hear your algebra book calling your name. It wouldn't hurt to get your assignments done the night before instead of doing them hurriedly the next morning.
- ◀ **Go out.** Remember those people that you call "friends"? Well, don't be anti-social. Go to McDonald's with one of them for an ice cream or hamburger.
- ◀ **Have a conversation with your Mom or Dad.** You know the times your Dad says, "What are you going to do with your life?" This time instead of giving him that "leave me alone" look, talk about the future.
- ◀ **Beat up your little brother or sister.** Just remember the time they got into your makeup or flattened your football. Straighten them out a little while you have some spare time.
- ◀ **Write a letter.** You remember the person you have promised to write at least ten times? You have started but never finished. This time don't forget to mail it.

Same time, next week

Favorite TV shows

1. Cosby Show
2. Miami Vice
3. Moonlighting
4. Family Ties
5. Dynasty
6. Insiders
7. Dallas
8. Knot's Landing
9. Who's The Boss?





Station Relations

Favorite Radio Stations

1. 97.1 KEGL
2. Q102
3. KSCS 96.3
4. KZEW The ZOO
5. KISS 106.1

Taking a break after school, Junior Dee Bussey and Sophomore Marti Bussey watch Knot's Landing on afternoon television. Many students make watching T.V. a part of their daily routine. Some say they eat, study, read, talk on the phone, and even sleep while watching their favorite daily television shows. Candy Smilie photo.

R A D I O



Don't touch that dial!

Are you a Restless Radio Roamer? The Roamer never stays on one station. He constantly turns the dial to avoid endless commercials, nerve-racking DJ's, or unsatisfactory songs. Another feature of the Roamer is his ability to know exactly how far to turn the dial to find another station or which button to push without looking.

Since it is impossible for a radio station to play exactly what each listener wants to hear, the Roamer will never be cured of his constant affliction.

When many students jump into their cars some say the first thing they did after turning the key is looking for something good on the radio. This habit did not stop after the car started moving. That was only the beginning to a never-ending search. Candy Smilie photo.

Out of the Blue



Then's

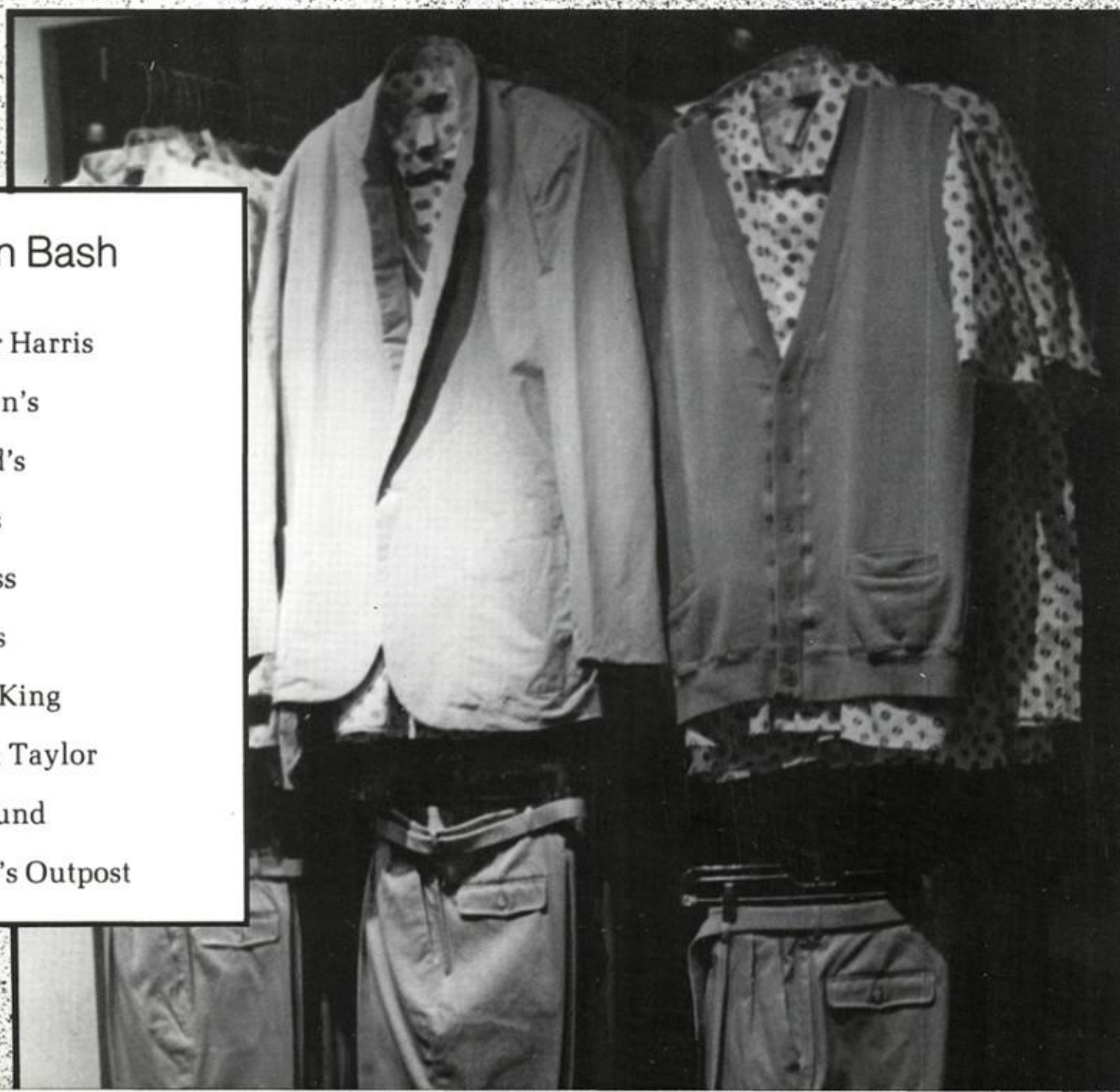
Heavy Metal
Bi-level haircuts
"Madonna" look
Pioneer
Jelly's
Hairspray
Video arcades
Fluorescent
Laying-out
AMC
T-tops

Now's

Modern Music
Blunt haircuts
"Miami Vice" look
Cooper
Ropers
Mousse
Teen clubs
Paisley
Tanning booths
VCR
Convertibles

Fashion Bash

1. Sanger Harris
2. Mervyn's
3. Dillard's
4. Joske's
5. Express
6. Macy's
7. Chess King
8. Lord & Taylor
9. Go Round
10. Miller's Outpost





Currently style conscious, Junior Kevin Robertson models his latest designer looks. Many students established their own unique style as their mark. Whether they wore jams, Converse tennis shoes, or Guess jeans they set their own style. Joe Salinas photo.

Modeling in the JCPenney summer fashion competition, senior Brent Grinnel walks down the runway to exhibit a current fashion. Numerous seniors participated in the summer activity to have fun and see the styles. Gary Schepf photo.

Witty Ditties: Trendy talk sets the style

- "It's emblazin' " Senior Ben Rogers
- "It's casual" Senior Jenny Suk
- "Easy" Junior Jennifer Johnson
- "Choice" Senior Scott Alexander
- "Die" Senior Troy Pickett
- "Suck a cheese fry" Junior Danny Burznski

Splendid!" said Senior Steve Mordecai. Getting ready for a pep rally, Mordecai helps to spread the theme "Pirate Day" to promote senior spirit. The senior class left its mark on future pep rallies by starting class themes for a chance at winning the spirit stick. Steve Mashman photo.





Journalism adviser Carrie Sken still wears a smile even though she was involved in a car accident at Highway 114 and MacArthur resulting in a broken leg and three months on crutches. Steve Mashman photo.

With his 20 letter name, Sophomore Vijaykumar Margabandu finds it difficult at times to fit his name in the spaces provided. "When I take standardized tests I can usually only fit part of my name on the answer sheet," said Margabandu. Stephanie Mashman photo.

More than just a name

Unusual names may spark a little humor with the average John Smith, but the people with the unusual names often do not find it so amusing.

Sophomore Vijayakuma Margabandu has the longest name with 20 letters.

Sophomores My Ngo, Can Le, and Senior Sang O have the shortest names.

The famous named students are Seniors Michael Angelo, Tonya Tucker, Richard Burton, Junior Peter Allen, and Freshman Bryan Adams.

Ten students have the last name Jones and there are 18 students whose last name is Smith.

There are others with unusual names such as Freshmen Tiger Golden, Dino Castillo, Chuck Pigg, Teresa Bass, Satin Lamb; Sophomores Fabian Trahan, Cinamon Smith, Penny Wise, and Senior Ken Doll.

Crutch Patrol

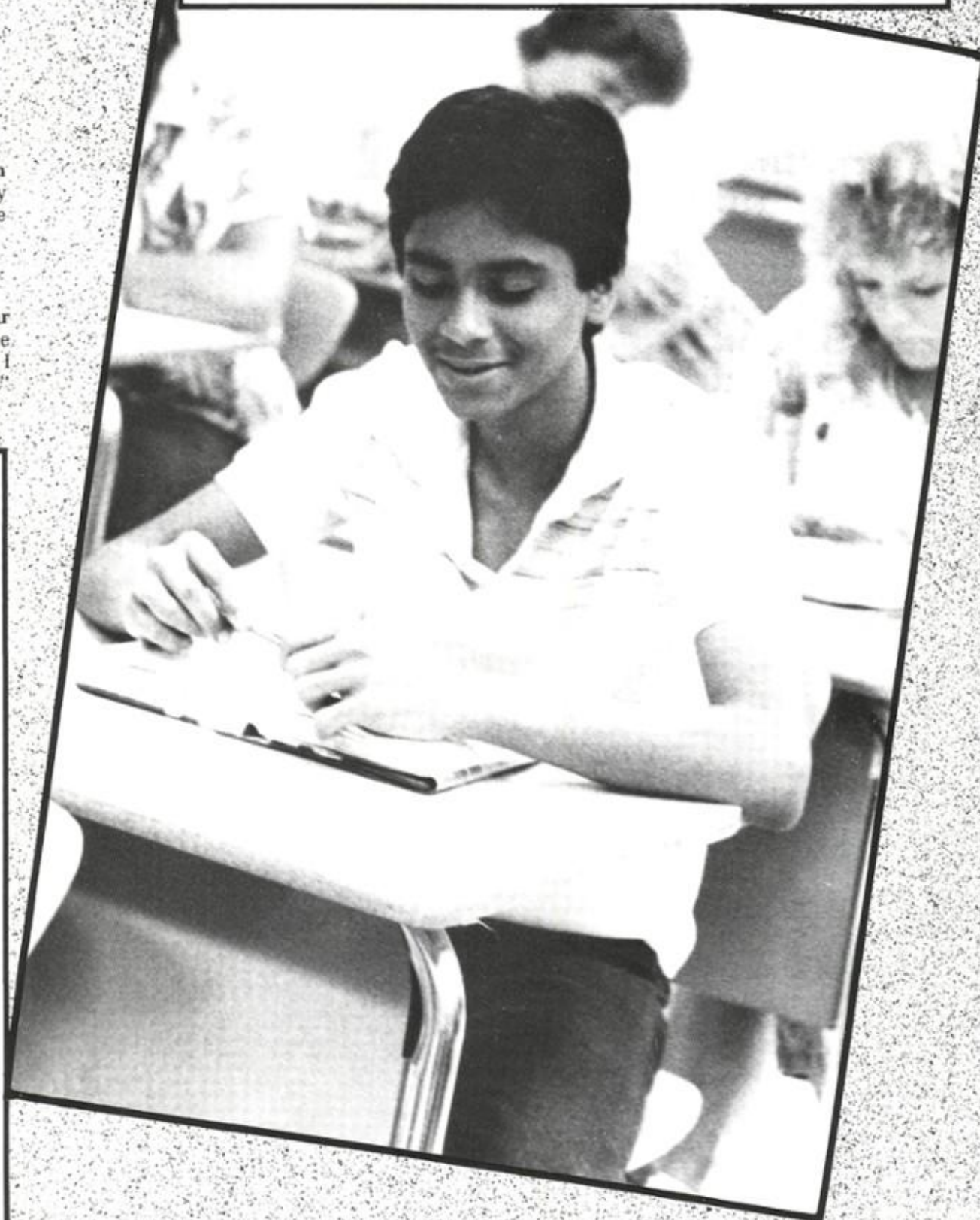
Casts, crutches and canes became a familiar sight. There were many students and teachers with injuries ranging from a broken finger to a broken leg.

"I broke my leg in football practice. I had to do everything differently," said Senior Sammy Mendoza. "I couldn't drive for about two weeks, and finally I had to drive with my left foot."

Junior Susan Schoendienst had a similar accident during her tennis relays. Schoendienst was wearing a new pair of shoes and the added friction of the shoes caused her to fall, breaking both her wrists.

Teachers also had their share of bad luck. English teacher David Long was riding his motorcycle to school when a truck tried to side-swipe him. In an attempt to avoid a major accident he jumped the curb. Long's leg was injured, but after a couple of weeks of using a cane he was back to normal.

Whether the broken bones were a result of sports' injuries or car accidents the injured would long remember.



Before the homecoming parade Latin Club Sweetheart Senior Kristie Capehart has a chat with boyfriend Welden Wynn about their plans for the evening's festivities. Steve Mashman photo.



Seniors looking ahead to the future

◀ I will hopefully be playing football in the pros — either with the Cowboys or the LA Rams.

Senior Jerry Edgar

◀ In ten years, I will be living abroad in Europe, I will be an airline attendant and definitely single.

Senior Carla Parker

◀ I am going to be an electrical engineer and married. To bring in extra money I am going to be a part-time comedian and put a major computer product on the market.

Senior Steve George

◀ I am going to fly airplanes and make money.

Senior Bryon Williams

◀ I am going to be a starving artist living in a run-down community, but I will be happy.

Senior Gilbert Granado

◀ After college, a friend and I are considering joining the Peace Corps.

Senior Amy Polous

◀ I will be in the Navy.

Senior Roshanda Edgar

◀ In ten years, I plan to be a stockbroker, married, with one child living in San Antonio.

Senior Christy Capehart

◀ I want to be the President of the Philippines.

Senior Bernadita Cuenca



Teacher Trivia

Did you know?

- ◀ Sandra Hunt, Al Tiller, Nancy Tucker and Carrie Skeen were yearbook editors.
- ◀ Connie Kilday danced with the Dallas Civic Ballet and the Irving Ballet.
- ◀ Kim Mayo, Bonnie Oshel, Patty Taylor, Carolyn Sutton and Kathy Sweeney were cheerleaders.
- ◀ Nurse Linda Nix was the editor of her high school newspaper.
- ◀ Irving High School graduates are: Jeanette Allender, Eddie Dowler, Rebecca Housden, Linda Ivins, Bobbie Johnston, Don Killian and Shirley Russell.
- ◀ MacArthur graduates are: Pat Austin, Mona Castro, Marla Gallemore, Greg Jackson and Connie Kilday.
- ◀ Nimitz graduates are: Bryan Harwell, Gary Schepf, Gwynn Shelton and Diane McMeans.



Teachers note worthy qualities in students

◀ I like students who have intelligence founded upon a strong wit.

— Larry Coltharp

◀ Open-minded students who have a good sense of humor, and who are interested in what is happening in the world around them.

— Patty Taylor

◀ Students who are responsible, polite, and respectful. Most importantly students who try.

— Diane McMeans

◀ Honesty is the number one quality I like in students. If a student is honest, you can come up to bat for them. I also like politeness and sincerity from students.

— John Kras

◀ Enthusiastic students, students that sparkle, that think, and that make an effort to learn. Students that are consistent.

— Brenda Martin

◀ I like students who talk to me. There is nothing worse than a dead class. If I had a choice between a student who talked too much and one who did not talk, I would choose the student who talked too much.

— Nancy Tucker

◀ I enjoy a student who strives to do his best. One who is responsible and has self-discipline.

— Doris Renshaw

◀ I like students to be creative individuals, who have respect for the school environment, and the desire to learn.

— Deborah Ledda

◀ Students who challenge themselves to learn. Students who want to do more than just pass.

— Linda Halcomb

◀ Important qualities in students are maturity, and curiosity.

— Teresa Hasty



Students explain what makes a teacher

I like a teacher who is nice and who encourages her students.

Freshman Clinton Smith

I like a teacher who enjoys what he is teaching, one who expresses that he cares.

Senior John Williams

Friendly teachers who are easy to get along with.

Sophomore Michael Croney

I like a teacher who has a sense of humor, who is light-hearted, a teacher who doesn't have a strict environment, a teacher who is friends with the students, one who mixes in with the students.

Junior Shilpin Patel

I like a teacher who likes to joke around, one who can make and take a joke, one who is fair and one who doesn't jump to conclusions.

Freshman Johnny Turner

I like a teacher who is nice, intelligent, one who doesn't favor anyone, one who doesn't mind when you ask for help, one who doesn't give you too much homework, and one who says "hi" whenever he sees you.

Freshman Aretha Aviles

A teacher who knows what she is teaching, that has good knowledge of the subject, one who is fun, and has a creative way of teaching.

Sophomore Kelley Antuna

A teacher who enjoys teaching and who knows the subject he is teaching.

Freshman Alma Silva

I like teachers who are not discriminatory, those who are in a good mood not gloomy all the time, one who gives you freedom to talk as long as things don't get out of hand.

Freshman Jason Edwards



Spanish teacher Deborah Ledda talks to Mrs. Sheryl Aldridge about her daughter, Sophomore Heather Haley's progress at meet the teacher night.

With a date and \$5 . . .

- ◀ **Go to the park.** On a sunny day pack a picnic lunch, play frisbee and feed the ducks.
- ◀ **Rent a movie.** Visit the movie store and look for a classic or a movie that you've both been dying to see. Then pop some popcorn and stay home.
- ◀ **Go out for ice cream.** Visit Braums and get a banana split to share.
- ◀ **Walk around the mall.** Go look at all the things you'd buy, if you had the money.
- ◀ **Visit the zoo.** No one outgrows the zoo. Word of warning: If the animals look interested in your date maybe you should reconsider continuing in the relationship.
- ◀ **Visit the canals.** Take a long walk up and down the canal and windowshop.
- ◀ **Go to the Dollar Movie.** This is a good way to get away to a real theatre and see a good movie. Come on — It's only a dollar!
- ◀ **Get into some friendly competition.** Grab some tennis rackets or a basketball and walk to your neighborhood court.
- ◀ **Go to a party.** Get into the social swing of things with your friends.

After a long day in the classroom, Senior Scott Hunt and Junior Emily Benson enjoy ice cream cones at Braums on Shady Grove. Going out for ice cream was always a fun and inexpensive way to enjoy each other's company as well as the ice cream. Candy Smilie photo.

"I was running in my Spanish class before the bell and I accidentally tripped on a desk leg. I was so startled that I didn't even notice everyone laughing at me," said Junior Bertha Villareal. Some students said the best way to deal with an embarrassing moment was to either laugh it off or pretend that you had nothing to be embarrassed about. Chad Windham photo.



Pressure!

Any-o-Joe or Joan can fall into a fit of depression or weakness and become susceptible to the deadly peer and his or her advice. Let's have an example!

Billy Bob Quakeninhisboots has gone to the office for the first time in his scholastic life. He had accidentally spilled liquid paper on the half completed grammar worksheet of a rather tall, hallucinating intellectual. The intellectual became angered for having three minutes of his valuable time "whited-out" in micro-seconds.

Billy Bob's advice to the then standing, then steaming intellectual was to let him get another worksheet from the teacher and that he was sorry. The intellectual with the red face and eyes wide told ol' Billy boy his advice, "Blow it out your ear!" and proceeded to pummel Billy's shocked face. The action of his peer impressed Billy and thus pressured him to beat the intellectual in his face.

The teacher, hearing a ruckus light years from her desk, looked up from her Acme Advice Catalogue and stomped her foot hoping to emphasize the advice she then read from page 36 of her catalogue, "Stop it! Or else!"

Surprisingly, that most profound selection of advice did not stop the pummeling which had spread across the room into the hall, however she did not reach the wanting ears of Suzi Alwaysrespectsherelders who upon being pressured by an out-of-peer force stopped breathing and died. Billy was sent to the office on-the-hill and was advised of his bad choice of friends and that he should not succumb to the pressure of his peers (our advice is better).

So thus is the way of the teen universe, although maybe not as silly, but good Ol' Billy like many of Americas young citizens is pressured by his peers to do things he might not normally not do, good or bad. This is a very serious problem, and many 'out of peer' persons such as parents, teachers and other adults have tried to aid those weak children into making their own decisions. In the process though, the adults seem to take over the job of 'peer pusher' and pressure the poor Billy or Suzi into doing things they normally would not.

What's a guy and gal to do?

Advice — let the kiddies play life on their own. Urge them to do their own thing and be careful about it; of course, this is just advice. **Story by James Mining — *Sword and Shield*.**

"I was so embarrassed I thought I would die!"

I got called down in the middle of a church service. At church one Sunday the pastor asked the whole youth section to please be quiet, but after he said that my girlfriend kept talking to me, and he added, "... and Darrell, please shut up!" — **Senior Darrell Ingram**

When I was trying out for cheerleader, people were watching my every move. Just knowing that was embarrassing enough! — **Junior Tamara McPeters**

I was singing in a band for a talent search, and while I was singing "Stairway to Heaven," I forgot the words and had to make up my own. — **Freshman David Adams**

I was on a date with a girl for the first time, and she was sitting next to me in my truck. Well, I reached to put my arm around her (merely a romantic gesture), and I hit the gear shift and my car flew back in reverse. — **Senior Steve George**

I was being timed for a relay at a track meet, and I tripped in front of the whole stadium. — **Sophomore Mark Montemayor**



"In the senior play, 'Cheaper by the Dozen,' I was running to answer the door in a particular scene and I almost fell due to an uneven rug. Just imagining falling in the middle of the play was the most embarrassing moment I could ever think of," Senior Darby Adams said. **Chad Windham photo.**

Grit & Pride

The Proof is in Our
PRIDE

Here's Proof. Everything was taken seriously. Along with countless individual records, a national record was broken with the most field goals kicked during one football game. Soccer came close to a first place title, and the football season was one of numerous wins. The fact is that it wasn't how we played the game, it was how we showed our pride.

Whether it was football, golf or volleyball the Nimitz pride was the same. It was not only the players — it was the cheering crowd of Viking supporters that made the long hours of practice and endurance worthwhile.

Athletes gave their time, their ability and their all to make Nimitz Number One. With a style that was head and shoulders above the rest we proved what we stood for— Grit & Pride.

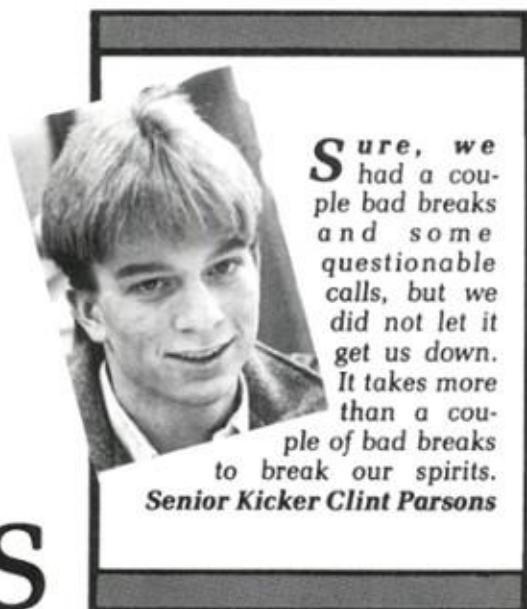
Varsity basketball player Michael Hill goes for the points in a game against the Newman Smith Trojans. Newcomer Coach John Kras lead the team through a rebuilding season. **Steve Mashman** photo.





Trevor Davis, varsity football player dives to tackle a South Grand Prairie Warrior. During a scrimmage Coach John Kras stops to explain to the JV players an alternative play. Sophomore Wendy Wallace listens to special instructions from Coach Alice Taylor during a time out. After a cross country run Junior Diane Stringer gets a pep talk from Coach Becky Christenberry. Steve Mashman, Andrea Mandley, Joe Salinas, Chad Windham photos.

T They broke records and a few bones on the way then a tie breaker got them. But, That's the breaks



Sure, we had a couple bad breaks and some questionable calls, but we did not let it get us down. It takes more than a couple of bad breaks to break our spirits.
Senior Kicker Clint Parsons

They made the headlines. They made the news broadcast. Why didn't the varsity football team make it to the playoffs?

Everyone who watched the 10 p.m. news Friday, Nov. 8 saw the highlights of the Irving-Nimitz football game, where the Vikings ran over the Tigers 27-0. Viewers also heard local sportscasters announce Nimitz as a playoff contender. The preparations that began for another

spirited playoff season were brought to a dead stop the next morning.

Grand Prairie was clearly in first place, but there was a three way tie for second with MacArthur, Duncanville and Nimitz. The District Executive Committee turned to the tie breaker system, and Mac advanced to the playoffs.

Although they lost a playoff position, the Vikings wound up with a victorious season. Defeated in only

two district games, the team trampled over Duncanville, Turner, Newman Smith and other tough teams.

"I felt the season went great," Head Coach Mike Farda said. "We played to the best of our abilities, and that is the most important thing. We reached our potential."

Potential was found in individuals and in the team as a whole. Players like Clint Parsons, who now shares a national record for the number of field goals kicked in one game, made up a remarkable team. "It was a great year for the team and for me," Parsons said.

Many players credited not only hard work but school spirit for their season. "The school really helped us out. We had some great pep rallies, and we could not have done it without that support," Junior tight end Cory Van Volkenburg said.

Even without the playoff title, the '86 varsity football team made quite a name for themselves. Senior Sammy Mendoza who was out for the majority of the season due to breaking his leg in practice concluded, "Hey! We were picked to be 7th in the district. I think we did a great job!" **Story by Ernie Cote.**



Coming off the field, Junior Rudolfo Soto and Senior Martin Morado look in the stands as Viking fans cheer them on. *Erikalyn Ellis photo.*

Sacking the Tiger quarterback, Senior Kirk Burgess helped bring the Vikings one touchdown closer to their victory over Irving. *Erikalyn Ellis photo.*



Reputations vs. Realities

Everyone was hyped up for the first district game — it showed. — **Jr. James Hux**
 We knew we had to get serious. You can't blow off RLT. — **Sr. Brian Wilms**
 We lost, but we came up from behind a 10-0 score. — **Sr. Anthony Montgomery**
 We should have beat them, but some calls held us back. — **Sr. Chaz Wallace**
 They had a few good players, but I knew we could stop them. — **Sr. David Leos**
 They beat us last year so we were fired up to win. — **Jr. Clint Gage**
 Before the game I knew we'd win — the game and the rivalry. — **Sr. Don Danford**

NHS	21	DUN	6
NHS	21	RLT	5
NHS	7	GP	10
NHS	0	MAC	8
NHS	20	NS	11
NHS	12	SGP	7
NHS	27	IHS	0

A touchdown made by Senior Don Danford was called back in the MacArthur game. There were several penalties in this game that held the Vikings back from a victory. Chad Windham photo.

Outsider's Insight

I felt very honored to receive the 'Grit & Pride' award. I love being a part of Nimitz and helping with the student body.
'85 Grit & Pride Award Winner Ester Yeakley



Senior Ruddy Diaz helped secure the 27-0 victory over Irving by holding back the Tiger offensive line. Erikalyn Ellis photo.



Varsity Football Team: (front row) Trainer Doug Rhodes, Tim Hux, Tim Daprae, Joey Castillo, Jimmy Williams, Fernando McMillian, Wade Raper, Clint Gage, Jeff Ward, Darren Nix, Ruddy Diaz, Jimmy Morris, Jason Thompson, Johnny Buragin, Victor Eugenio, Sammy Mendoza, Rudolfo Soto, Trainer Chris Lindman. (second row) Coach Bryan Harwell, Coach Richard Canterbury, Eric Hagerud, Leon James, Efrén Gonzales, Antony Montgomery, Jay Beavers, Edward Gonzales, Jerry Edgar, Trevor Davis, Vern Garland, Levi Day, Sean Stephens, Clint Parsons, Jim Davis, Cedric Layton, James Hux, Coach Wes Pyfer, Head Coach Mike Farda. (second row) Coach Mike Dyson, Coach Jinks White, Coach Ronnie Gage, Alfred Antonetti, Brian Wilms, Kirk Burgess, Jeff Burgess, Jeff Burkhart, Kevin White, Don Danford, Tracy Leathers, Cory Van Volkenburg, Walter Butler, Chaz Wallace, Mike Rushing, David Kim, David Leos, Coach Bob Wright, Coach Mike White, Coach Milton Watson.

Reputations vs. Realities

We all knew that we would run over Western Hills. — **Soph. Mike Simmons**

I wasn't sure who would win but I knew it'd be close. — **Soph. Keith Bosworth**

RLT was good, but I had a feeling we would beat them. — **Soph. Troy Hallburg**

We played a good game, but so did Grand Prairie. — **Soph. Kenneth Rushing**

SGP beat us, but we sure gave them a fight. — **Soph. John Hernandez**

Although it didn't show, we felt that we had won. — **Soph. Ricky King**

I saw our team going and really got pumped up. — **Soph. Kelvin Brown**

NHS	36	WH	0
NHS	14	DUN	14
NHS	19	RLT	14
NHS	06	GP	07
NHS	08	SGP	12
NHS	06	MAC	18
NHS	0	IRV	14

Outsider's Insight

I enjoyed a lot of exciting football and saw many excellent prospects for next year's varsity team. **Booster Club President Bob Rushing**

Cheering on the play as it moves down the football field toward the goal line is Sophomore Sam Ritchey. The JV team was very supportive of one another. "If one of us was down," Sophomore Mike Simmons said, "we all helped him out." **Candy Smilie photo.**

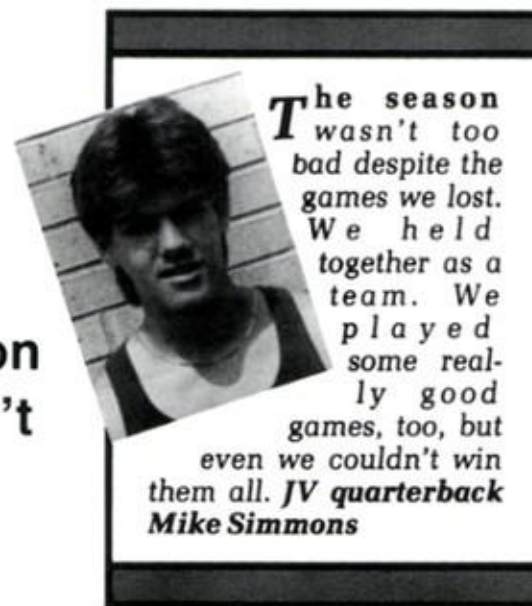


Waiting for the next play, the freshman offense takes a quick rest. Rests were rare for this hard working team. The freshman team holds a promise for an outstanding JV team next year. **Candy Smilie photo.**

Growling and running, ready for a big hit is Freshman Brad Edwards. The freshman team made a lot of big hits throughout the season to attain their outstanding record. **Candy Smilie photo.**



WJV, Frosh teams worked hard all season and had the desire, but even they can't win them all



The season wasn't too bad despite the games we lost. We held together as a team. We played some really good games, too, but even we couldn't win them all. **JV quarterback Mike Simmons**

You win some, you learn some. That's not exactly how the phrase goes, but it did seem to describe this year's JV football team, and unfortunately they learned a lot and won little.

With a 2-6-1 record, the JV did not have much to show for their efforts in the score books, but their attitude reflected their enthusiasm and created a good forecast for the next year.

"The season wasn't too bad," Sophomore Mike Simmons said, "despite the six games we lost. We knew we had a tough season ahead of us so we held together and played as a team all season. It was more of a learning season to prepare us for next year."

Although most players felt it was a preparation season, some saw it as a rebuilding stage. "We had the talent and the coaching to win," Sophomore Kenneth Rushing said, "but I saw it as a rebuilding period from our freshman year."

The proof of pride for the JV team was in their positive attitude and determination.

The proof of pride in the freshman football teams spoke for itself.

Silver Team

Mac	6	NHS	20
Dun	6	NHS	8
Mac	0	NHS	26
SGP	16	NHS	18
SGP	16	NHS	42

Freshman Robert Taylor along with the freshman offense pushed down the field in an exhilarating attempt for a last minute touchdown against MacArthur. *Candy Smilie photo.*

Blue Team

Dun	14	NHS	7
GP	14	NHS	26
Mac	0	NHS	18
SGP	22	NHS	20
Irv	3	NHS	22

If enthusiasm alone could win a game, the freshman football teams would have been undefeated, and they almost were.

"When we got together," Freshman Arvest Green said, "we were like a big helmet, and we crushed everyone."

If the enthusiasm and hard work shown by the freshmen this year is carried out through next year, the JV coaches may have their hands full. **Story by Ernie Cote.**



Junior Varsity Football Team: (front row) Roman Aljandro, Tad Daniel, Robert Davidson, Barron Edgar, Kenneth Rushing, Mike Simmons, Wayne Brutton, Danny Grosek, Mark Kim. (second row) Tim Henderson, Doug Spivey, Gary McRight, Gerry Davis, Sam Ritchey, Ray McFarland, Glen Edwards, Keith Bodworth. (third row) Coach Richard Canterbury, Robert Gaut, Troy Habburg, Kelvin Brown, Ricky King, Jamie Bradley, Kevin Carr, Ricky Carrasco, Coach Mike Dyson.



Freshman Football Team: (front row) Don Wise, Ricky Pearce, Richard Lademn, Pat Arnold, Kevin King, Robert Taylor, Corley Connolly, Joel Terry, Victor Saenz, Brad Edwards. (second row) Kirk Longston, Danny Ventrea, Steve Attaway, Jimmy Lyons, Mike Selheim, Roy Samuel, Robert Hinojosa, Shawn Sutherland, Kory Knott. (third row) Ken Frost, Chris Hackney, Brock Brogden, Larry Burns, Ronald McVicker, Greg Hearn, James Clem, Cass Arnett, Greg Germany, William Dobbins. (fourth row) Gary Rheinfeldt, Rhett Preston, Wayne Bledsoe, Ken Helms, Carlos Contarcas, Randy Austin, Jay Jones, Chris Ferguson, Trey Morris. (fifth row) Loyd Martin, Larry Wallace, Charles Jones, Mike Mitchell, Alex Pena, Robert Banda, Chris Brick, Chris Morgan. (sixth row) Coach Michael White, Coach Brian Harwell, Trainer John Miles.

Reputations vs. Realities

Irving was tough, but we stuck it out till the end. — **Sr. Elizabeth Grunewald**
Our game against Mac was the best of the year because we won. — **Jr. Michelle Fletcher**
We did excellent at the start against Smith but just lost our confidence. — **Sr. Tamra Lyons**
Turner taught us to cooperate with each other which is important. — **Sr. Priscilla Barber**
We tried our best, but Grand Prairie was just one of the best. — **Jr. Linda Stembridge**
We all played our best against SGP, but our best wasn't good enough. — **Sr. Lisa Jerpi**
I guess things just didn't go the way we wanted against Irving. — **Sr. Shannon Kingen**

Outsider's Insight

Everyone was good individually, but they just had a problem getting it all together as a team. **Junior Amy Baker**

Sitting on her knees, Senior Lisa Jerpi takes a quick breather in the game against Grand Prairie. Chad Windham photo.



W The team may not have been big in points, but they were champs at heart with their Winning spirit



Victory comes in all shapes and sizes, but for some it did not come at all — in points, anyway.

For the varsity volleyball team, victory came in a sense of accomplishment and unity. The seven members of the team had to work with their shortage of players, and work they did.

"If anyone deserved to win, it was these girls," Coach Alice Taylor said.

The volleyball team may not have gained points on the court, but they did gain a year of good experience.

"It may not have been our best season, but we learned a lot," Junior Michelle Fletcher said.

Determination was the name of the game as the girls kept their spirits up even during the losses.

"We got a little worried toward the end of the season, but we hung in there," Coach Taylor said.

There were many problems that resulted in the team's stormy season. One of the main obstacles that the girls had to overcome was the fact that the Irving junior highs do not offer a

volleyball program like other districts do.

Another problem that the Lady Vikings had to face was the lack of players. There were only seven players on the team.

Among the major setbacks and next to impossible obstacles remained the possibility that the odds were simply not on the Lady Vikings' side this year.

"I don't think there is any definite reason for our bad season," Senior Elizabeth Grunewald said. "We tried our best, but I guess things just did not go our way. There was really nothing else we could do but keep on trying."

Among skills and endurance many lasting relationships were developed during the volleyball season. Although the team did not score the points they needed on the court, they were all definitely winners.

"I feel very positive about the other team members," Grunewald said, "because we struggled together to win, and I feel that everyone did their best." **Story by Shannon Ingram.**

Showing her great ability, Senior Priscilla Barber gives her best shot in the game against Grand Prairie. *Chad Windham photo.*

Listening intently to Coach Alice Taylor, Seniors Priscilla Barber, Linda Stembridge, Elizabeth Grunewald and Shannon Kingen think about the next play. *Chad Windham photo.*



Varsity Volleyball Team: (front row) Shannon Kingen, Priscilla Barber, Lisa Jerpi. (second row) Manager Mike Marzi, Elizabeth Grunewald, Linda Stembridge, Kim Bennett, Tamara Lyons, Coach Alice Taylor.



W Although underclassman volleyball was winless this year in district, they were all winners in pride

Volleyball has been a fun learning experience this year. I'm really glad I played. The experience I acquired on JV will help me next year when we are winners.
Freshman Michelle Fletcher

An extra amount of enthusiasm and pride shown from the Lady Vikings on the volleyball court. The JV and freshman volleyball teams were winless in district but champions at heart.

"I thought we could beat anyone. We went into every game with winning determination," JV player Traci Weddle said.

This year's JV team had the definite attitude of champions. Coach Alice Taylor pointed out the improvement of Jody Huckaby's defensive skills and the outstanding ability of setter Kathy Weg.

"Kathy was our team leader. She was really great in attitude and team spirit. Sometimes it was hard to keep her under control when we were down in a game, but she kept the team together with confidence," Taylor said.

There is one thing that nearly all the players agreed on: the fun of volleyball.

"Volleyball is a fun sport and different from all the rest. I'll definitely be playing varsity next year, and I'm looking forward to it," Weg said.

The Nimitz volleyball teams lacked experience that the other teams acquired in junior high. They never let that bring them down or wipe out their confidence.

"I had to teach the team from scratch because they had no experience. This puts us behind our opponents in ability but not enthusiasm," freshman coach Mona Castro said.

The freshman players had gone into the year with little or no knowledge of volleyball.

They came out of the year with excellent volleyball skills and memories of a fun season.

"When you start out with knowing nothing there is no way to avoid improvements. That's what these hard working freshmen did," Taylor said.

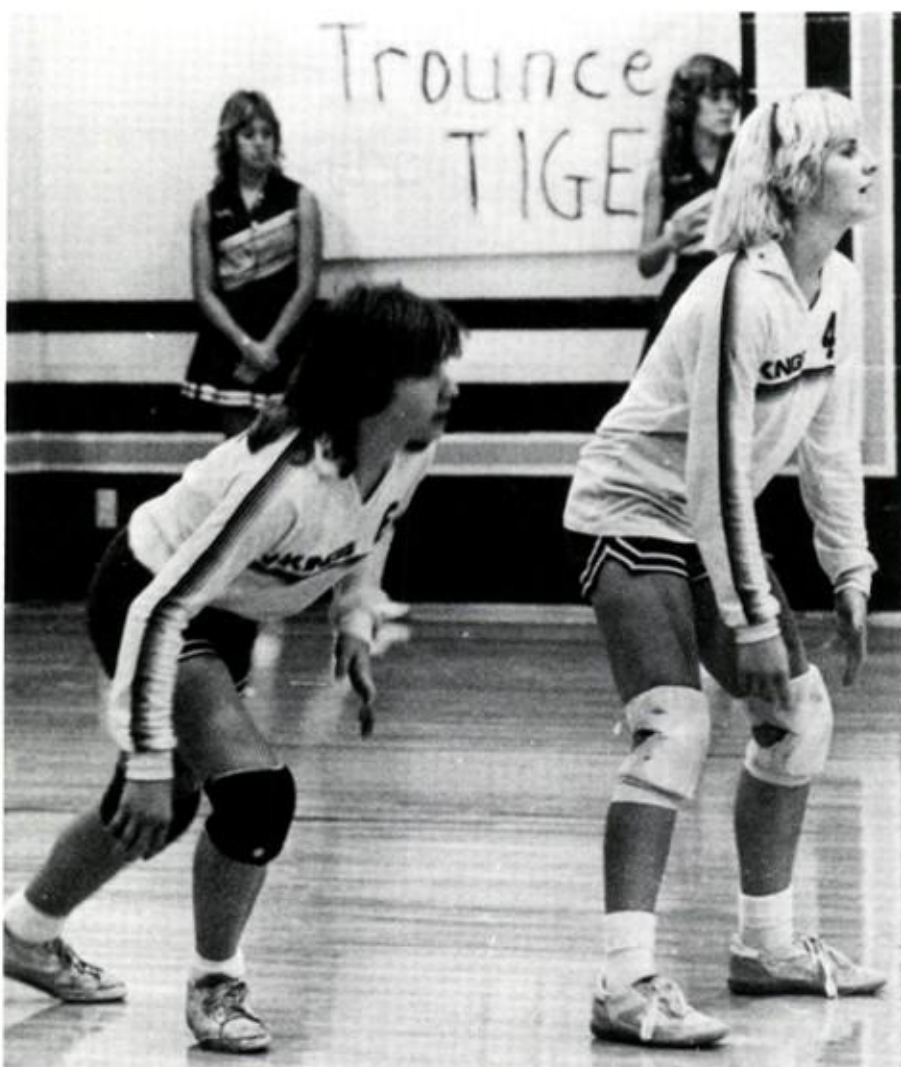
Many of the freshmen are coming back next year for the JV volleyball team. They discovered that it was fun and worth the hard work.

"I love volleyball and the people in it. I will play next

year because I look forward to working out for this sport," said Freshman Rebecca Wise.

While most teams would look back at this season and be discouraged, the Lady Vikings are looking to the future with optimism built on a strong learning experience.

"I'm excited about next year and look forward to winning," Taylor said. Story by Dana Pyfer



Nimitz JV team looks up and prepares themselves to return a hit from the Irving Tigers. Sophomore Sharon Williams runs forward and raises her hands to set the ball up for a point. Chad Windham photo.



Reputations vs. Realities

I'm sure our winning confidence is what led us to beat South Grand Prairie. — **Sophomore Kathy Weg**
We worked hard on Irving's offense and knew we'd win. That's what beat us. — **Sophomore Sharon Williams**

I felt pretty good about the Berkner game, and so did everyone else. — **Sophomore Traci Haker**
I, and most of the other players, went into each game ready to win. — **Freshman Traci Weddle**
We were very confident before the Irving game. I knew we would win. — **Freshman Rebecca Wise.**
Many times the other team didn't beat us. We beat ourselves. — **Freshman Teri Alford**
This year's volleyball season was fun and always exciting. — **Freshman Kim Win**

Diving to her knees to save and return the ball, Sophomore Shannon Smith goes for the point during a JV game. Pride and determination were often the only wins for the team. **Steve Mashman photo.**

Outsider's Insight

The fans were 100% supportive. The girls were only defeated because of their lack of experience. They never lacked winning spirit, drive or determination. **Mrs. Joyce Weddle**



JV Volleyball Team: (front row) Traci Weddle, Sharon Williams, Kathy Weg, Michelle Fletcher. (second row) Shannon Smith, Treffany Johnson, Coach Alice Taylor, Traci Haker, Jody Huckaby.



Freshman Volleyball Team: (front row) Katrina Torrie, Ebony Carr, Lori Ferriman, Kim Wing, Terri Alford, Toni Almanza. (second row) Coach Mona Castro, Shonda Pryor, Barbie Gonzales, Heather Barnett, Rebecca Wise, Mavis Flores, Trainer Mike Marzi, Manager Tonya Tribble.

Freshman Traci Weddle and Sophomore Kathy Weg prepare to return a hit from the Irving Tigers. Weg is the team's setter and leader. **Steve Mashman photo.**

Reputations vs. Realities

Cross country was a lot of fun, and it kept me in good shape. — **Junior Rhonda Brewster**

Cross country was fun, and I had a really good time. — **Junior Didi Sawyer**

Practice was hard, but that is what it took to make us good. — **Junior Meredith McCoy**

We had a good season, but I'm sure we'll do better next year. — **Junior Trudy Tobias**

I had hoped we would go to regionals — maybe next year. — **Sophomore James Mining**

Coach always encouraged us to do our best, and that really helped. — **Sophomore Kim Gruber**

They're a good team, but next year I hope to get more males involved. — **Coach Becky Christenberry**

Outsider's Insight

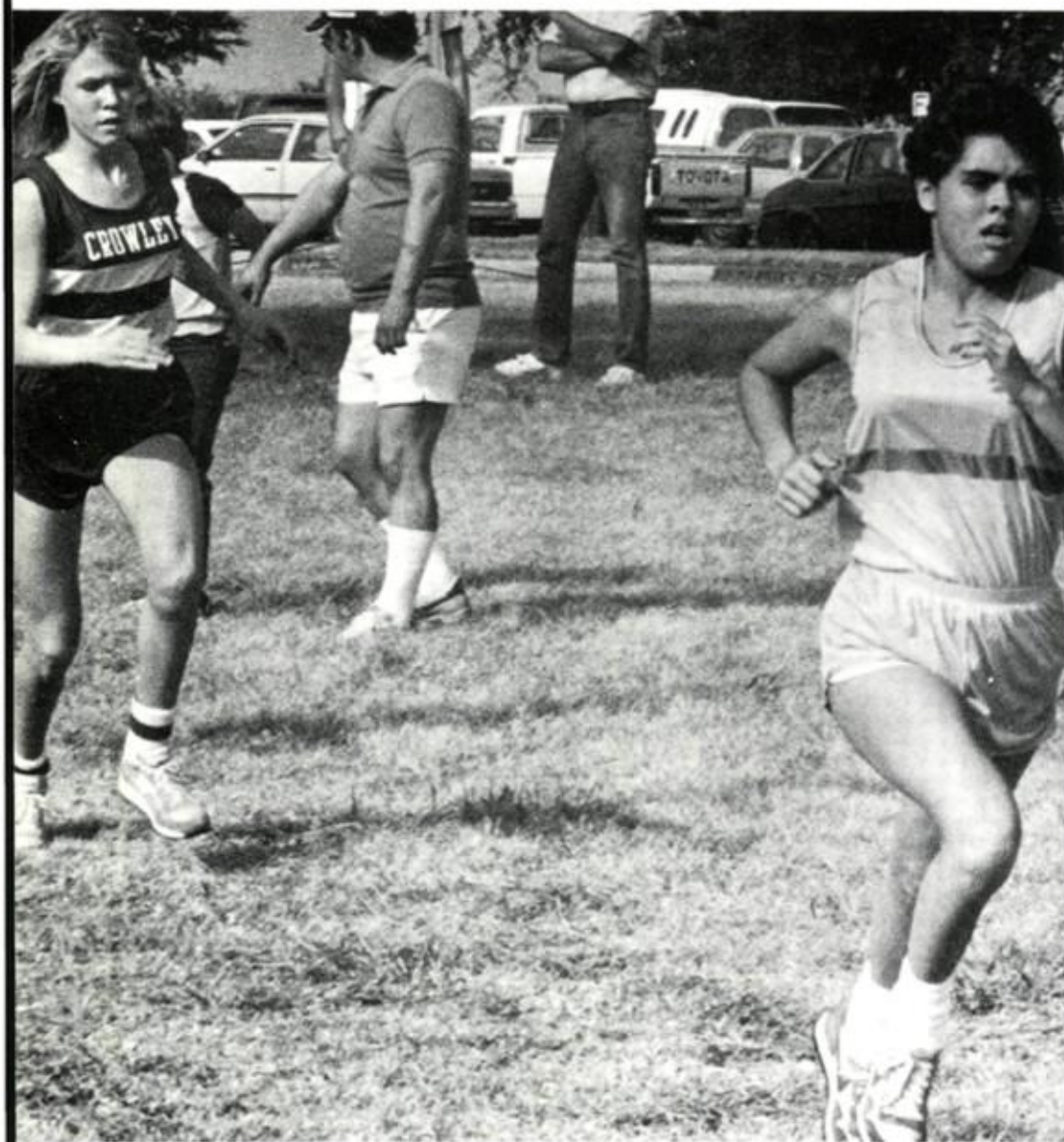
I felt that the majority of the team had award winning attitudes. I had a wonderful time at every meet. **Cheri Gruber, mother of Sophomore Kim Gruber**

Record breaking Junior Meredith McCoy set a new school record in the two mile run at the Lamar meet with a second place finish in the JV race. Her new record time was 12:48.



Taking a quick breather after a long run, Sophomore James Mining hangs on to a nearby tree for support. Chad Windham photo.

Leading the pack is Junior Trudy Tobias. She helped the cross country team attain one of the best outcomes at the MacArthur meet. Becky Christenberry photo.



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Who'd have guessed that cross country would advance to regionals? Well, You can believe it



It made me feel good when the other team members supported me when I advanced to Regionals. There I placed 39th out of 137 runners. I can't believe it!
Junior Diane Stringer

The Cross Country team, coached for a second year by Becky Christenberry, worked very hard to earn the best record of Nimitz history.

Christenberry and her 14 runners started practicing at Spring, arriving at school at 6:30 a.m. Once the weather cooled down in the fall, the students practiced in their sixth period class, mostly lifting weights.

As practice continued, the team competed in meets at different high schools. It was not until October 26 that the tension ignited. This was the most crucial meet, for the District championship.

It was here that all area high school runners competed against one another in a two mile girls' race and a three mile boys' race. Each runner in the race was given points indicating what number he/she had been when crossing the finish line. After all had crossed, the best five finishers' points were added and the school with the lowest points won the race. After all races were finished, the top five finishers plus the best two teams were qualified to go on to regionals.

This year, the top two district teams were Irving and R.L. Turner, but because of the fifth qualifier

getting sick, Nimitz student Diane Stringer, placing sixth, got to take the place and advance to regionals.

Stringer said, "I worked very hard all year striving to go to regionals, and when it happened I could hardly believe it!" Stringer, along with the other regional winners went to the race November 2 in Lubbock. There she placed 39th in a two mile race out of 137 runners. Her time was 13:19.

Another important member of the Cross Country team was the manager, Tammy Black. Black contributed to the team by bringing water and ice to practice and meets, keeping times and records, and also making sure sweats were supplied during cold weather. "Tammy always pushed us to do our best," said Sophomore Kim Gruber. **Story by Lynda Kain.**



Manager of the cross country team, Senior Tammy Black speaks with Junior Didi Sawyer about the results of the meet. Black could always be found helping out at meets and practices. **Chad Windham photo.**

Cross Country Team: (front row) Trudy Tobias, Rhonda Brewster, Melissa Crow, Didi Sawyer. (second row) Kim Hux., Monica Perez. (third row) Coach Becky Christenberry, Meredith McCoy, Kim Brim, Jeff Redding, Dana Hood, Diane Stringer, Manager Tammy Black. (fourth row) Deborah Oliver, James Mining, Dawn Ratcliff.



G Almost made it to the playoffs but lost their high intensity. It was all a matter of Goal setting



I wasn't sure how the season would turn out because we lost most of our defense last year, but we came up with some more good players during the season. We had a pretty good season overall.
Halfback Vince Zost

This was the first year the varsity soccer team just missed the play-offs. It was also the first year they played Mac and came out undefeated. But it was the second year they had been under the coaching of Alex Alkhazshvilly and still couldn't correctly pronounce his name.

"Coach Alex," Junior Andy Oseid said, "was very supportive. He always encouraged us to do our best."

And the team did do their

best in the beginning of the season and they were in first place in the district.

"The highlight of the season," said Coach Alex, "was the intensity of the players, but they were just not as intense at the end of the season, even though they wanted to win."

The intensity of the players was important, but the intensity of the Viking fans must have had a hand in the team's beginning success because 11 of the home

games were won or tied.

Beating Bryan Adams, the state semi-finalist, and other top ranked teams did not mean an automatic play-off spot, but it did mean that they made a name for themselves. "We made a name for Nimitz in soccer," said Junior Johnny Brichetto, "and we proved we could compete with the best at the end of the season." **Story by Ernie Cote.**



Junior Nick Elizondo gets ready to pass the ball to a teammate in the RL Turner game at Reunion Arena. Elizondo was the Vikings' leading scorer for the season. **Alex Alkhazshvilly photo.**

In a race for the ball, Senior David Mitchell passes an RL Turner player in the game at Reunion Arena. The team played in front of many Dallas Sidekicks' fans before the Sidekicks' game. **Alex Alkhazshvilly photo.**

Reputations vs. Realities

First time they haven't beaten us and they won't again. — *Jr. Nick Elizondo*

Irving proved no competition for us. — *Jr. Johnny Brichetto*

We knew we would beat DeSoto. We always have. — *Sr. Tim Alford*

We played really well in the Newman Smith game. — *Soph. Erin Pickens*

Our great defensive effort won us this game. — *Soph. Jason Black*

We proved we could compete with the team known to be the best. — *Jr. Andy Oseid*

I can't believe we beat the state semifinalist! — *Jr. Peter Allen*

NHS	0	MAC	0
NHS	3	IRV	1
NHS	4	DES	0
NHS	3	NS	1
NHS	4	RLT	2
NHS	1	HP	1
NHS	4	BA	1



Outsider's Insight

We try to make all the games we can. We enjoy soccer games, especially on the high school level. Nimitz is a fun team to watch.

A.J. Brichetto, parent of Junior Johnny Brichetto

Nimitz soccer posted one of its most successful seasons, holding first place for part of the season. Beating Highland Park and Bryan Adams proved to be confidence builders. Alex Alkhazvilly photo.



Varsity Soccer Team: (front row) Clint Carter, Vann Allen, Johnny Brichetto, Allen Adams, David Campbell. (second row) Vincent Zost, Joel Butler, Tim Alford, David Mitchell, Peter Allen, Nick Elizondo.



Setting up the ball, Senior Vann Allen prepares to take a shoot. The team took many shots and chances that paid off as they were in first place in the middle of the season. Alex Alkhazvilly photo.

Goals in sight

They finished 3rd this year but their eyes are on 1st next year by keeping their



If every team overcame problems like the girls' soccer team did this year, the word loser would rarely be used. This team had every valid reason to experience a bad season, but they pulled through with flying colors.

"Our sheer determination was the quality that got us through the season so well," Junior Donna Barbour said.

They were the youngest

team in the district, which was a big minus for the girls. "We were a new team," Coach Mona Castro said. "It's hard to get people to work together when they're such young players."

Another setback the girls victoriously overcame was a lack of unity, especially at the beginning of the season.

"We had a bunch of people who were individually good players, but we need to

to learn to work together as a team," Junior Tina Lemoine said.

"I had 18 different personalities out there on one team," Castro said. "When I see an outstanding team, the girls are usually all best friends, and that's what I'm working for."

Even with all the problems, the team did excellent. They emerged from the season third in district

and ranked seventh in the state.

"The girls have seen that they can do well," Castro said. "Now that they know, I think we'll do even better next year." **Story by Shannon Ingram.**


As Freshman Angie Foster attempts to recover the ball, her Highland Park opponent gives her a challenge. **Mona Castro photo.**



Varsity Girls Soccer team: (front row) Kathy Conner, Dasha Guillory, Amy Ford, Junida Good, Rhonda Kanhai, Tina Forbes. (second row) Shannon Scott, Keri Dodgen, Cindy Roseberry. (third row) Gloria Rodriguez, Donna Barbor, Tina Lemoine, Tracy Wilkerson, Debbie Brazier, Coach Mona Castro.

First year Nimitz soccer coach Mona Castro gives instructions to her players during a game. **Mona Castro photo.**





Reputations vs. Realities

We did well against Irving. Our biggest crowd really helped us a lot. — **Jr. Kat Conner**
Mac was my favorite game because we beat our biggest rival. — **Soph. Tracey Wilkerson**
We could've done a lot better against Duncanville if we had more experience. — **Fr. Angie Foster**
If we had beat Highland Park, district would've been a lot easier. — **Jr. Donna Barbour**
There was too much pressure at Newman Smith, so much depended on it. — **Jr. Tina LeMoin**
We put our all into the Turner game. We couldn't have done better, I think. — **Fr. Keri Dodgen**
Everything we did at South GP backfired, but we pulled through it. — **Fr. Shannon Scott**

Diving for a shot on goal, Junida Good makes the grab to save a Lady Vikings lead. Many hours of practice helped the soccer team improve from last year. **Steve Mashman photo.**

Outsider's Insight

This team had determination. That's what it takes to make a team good. **Junior Nick Elizondo**



Reputations vs. Realities

There was a lot of intensity in the Irving game. We got a lot of support. — **Jr. Corey Van Volkenburg**

After we really started losing to Mac, we got frustrated and it made things worse. — **Sr. Eric May**

We stuck it through the Grand Prairie game until the bitter end. — **Soph. Keith Burris**

We really had a hard time with Duncanville. They're a pretty good team. — **Sr. Greg Ford**

We learned a lot this year. I think we'll use that to do really well next year. — **Jr. Michael Hill**

Outsider's Insight

I enjoyed watching the boys play. They all played so hard, and it was a shame that they didn't win more. **Paula Wyman, Nimitz counselor and basketball fan**

Shooting over his taller opponent, Junior Troy Smith shows that one doesn't have to be a giant to compete. Smith's scrappy play often helped him to better his taller adversaries. **Steve Mashman photo.**



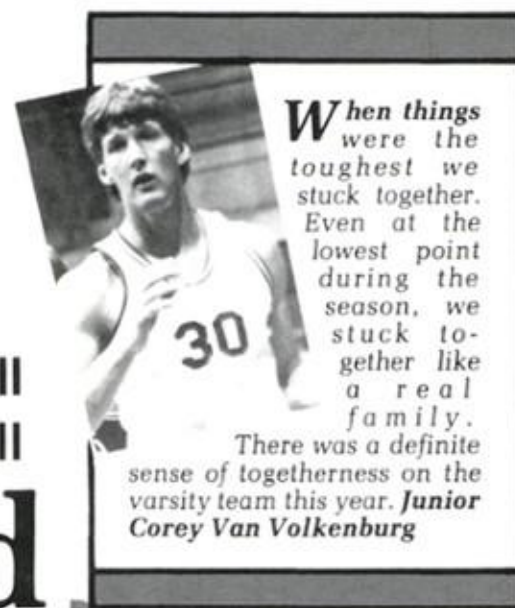
Varsity Basketball Team: (front row) Bard Reian, Enrique Gamez. (second row) Eric May, Lonnie Lafrance, Steve Warner, Keith Burris, Corey Van Volkenburg, Don Danford, Greg Ford, Tim Cooper, Mike Hill, Troy Smith, Horace Fuller, Coach John Kras.



Displaying tremendous concentration Junior Michael Hill attempts to shoot over a defender in the game against the Newman Smith Trojans. Junior Troy Smith awaits the outcome of Hill's play. **Steve Mashman photo.**



M Mistakes were made but varsity basketball learned a lot and hope next year they will Make a rebound



When things were the toughest we stuck together. Even at the lowest point during the season, we stuck together like a real family.

There was a definite sense of togetherness on the varsity team this year. **Junior Corey Van Volkenburg**

For the boys' varsity basketball team, this year consisted of many new experiences. The team encountered uncounted trials and learned from their mistakes.

"Our biggest problem was the lack of experience. We really learned a lot this year. Many things will be so different now that we all have an idea of how varsity ball should go," Sophomore Keith Burris said.

Many objectives need to be covered when develop-

ing a winning organization. Teamwork is one of the main qualities a group of ball players should always strive to achieve.

"Our biggest problem this year was a lack of teamwork," Senior Eric May said. "We were just a bunch of individuals out there trying to show off."

"Our unity needs improvement. We were all so different we never agreed with each other," Junior Corey Van Volkenburg said.

Like every other

organization, once this year is gone, the basketball players have many things they will do differently next year.

"There will be less complaining and more practicing. I also think that the leadership will be stronger," May said.

"I think that if we can stay injury free and keep all the players we begin with, we can have a competitive year," Van Volkenburg said.

Story by Shannon Ingram.



Skating over the Newman Smith defenders, Senior Don Danford gives it his all. Danford's height and leaping abilities were great assets to the team, as was his dedication. **Steve Mashman photo.**

Flying past all defenders, Junior Corey Van Volkenburg moves in for a lay-up as Senior Don Danford anxiously waits for the rebound. **Steve Mashman photo.**

Reputations vs. Realities

We may not have shown them how good we are in the regular season, but we did at the district tournament. — **Fr. Kory Knott**

Even though we didn't win very many games, we worked hard, and I think we will get our reward next year. — **Soph. Bobby Harris**

As the season went along, we steadily improved. Hopefully, more success will come our way in the future. — **Soph. Stewart Rowland**

We worked hard and I know it will pay off in the future. — **Soph. Thanh Trinh**

This year we showed great potential for next year. Then our experience will pay off. — **Fr. Jason Wells**

I thought the season went well and with more practice next year I think we will win district. — **Fr. Mike Calvin**

Outsider's Insight

I was proud of the way the boys worked so hard and of their many improvements. **Scott Rowland, parent of Sophomore Stewart Rowland**

Taking a long shot, Sophomore Kelvin Brown takes a shot from the outer court. Brown played for the JV team. Steve Mashman photo.



Coming down the court, Junior Baron Edgar demonstrates excellent form as he prepares for a layup shot. Steve Mashman photo.



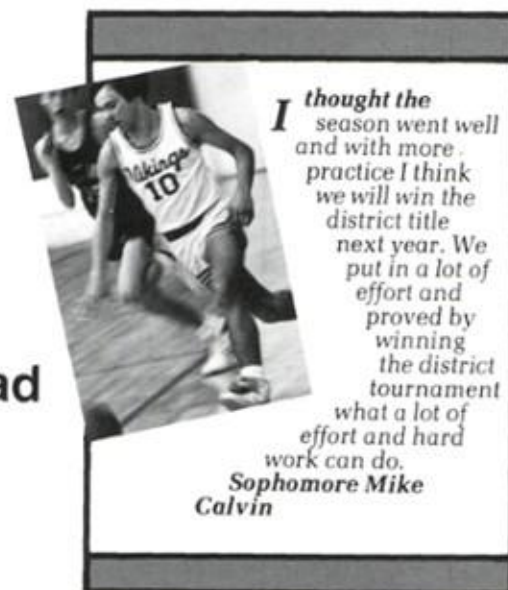
JV Boys Basketball Team: (front row) Clay Moody, Todd Gaston, Baron Edgar, Thanh Trinh, Daniel Faber. (second row) Stewart Rowland, Tim Keen, Kevin Carr, Bobby Harris, Chad St. Clair, Scott McDuffie. (third row) Kelvin Brown, Charles Faber, Chris White, Coach G. W. Melton, Robert Gant, Greg Ford, John Coyle.

Keeping his eye on the opponent, Sophomore Greg Ford is airborne to block a possible shot. The JV team worked well with their new coach G. W. Melton. Steve Mashman photo.



Winning efforts

Freshmen basketball won the district tournament. JV gave it their all. Both had



I thought the season went well and with more practice I think we will win the district title next year. We put in a lot of effort and proved by winning the district tournament what a lot of effort and hard work can do.
Sophomore Mike Calvin

This was a rebuilding year for the boy's JV basketball team. They began the season with a new coach and they were faced with the difficult task of rebounding spirits after last year's disappointing season.

The team practiced hard

hoping to overcome some of the weak points that made them suffer last year while strengthening their playing ability and building up their spirits for this season. "We may not have won very many games, but we did practice hard and I am sure

it will pay off," said Sophomore Daniel Faber.

The score books don't reveal the more positive side of the season. The greatest outcome of the season was in the attitudes of the players. Through the disappointments that they encountered throughout the season, they kept a positive attitude and patiently waited for their hard work to pay off.

"This year was a rebuilding year and we finally began to get it together at the end of the season," said Sophomore Kelvin Brown. "I can't wait for next year to start."

This team will again try and rebound off a disappointing season and if the hardworking attitudes of this group continues they just might bounce back as victors. **Story by Matt Cartwright**



Freshman Basketball A Team: (front row) Mike Calvin, Tommy Jones, Jason Beals, Chase Danford, Leroy Samuels. (second row) Brad Edwards, Kory Knott, Byron Miles, Lloyd Martin, Charles Jones, Joe Kim, Coach Michael White.



Freshman Basketball B Team: (front row) Don Wise, Chris Windham, Neil Humphrey, Mike Morris, Sean Harding, Bobby Day, Donnie Atkins. (second row) Chris Orozco, Larry Wallace, Adrian Higgenbotham, Alex Pena, Kyle Alfred, Chris Morgan, Coach Michael White.

U nited they win

Varsity basketball girls are close after four years together. They are a solid team as



I feel like this team is my family. We've been through a lot together and our relationship has gone beyond just teammates.
Junior Kim Nash

"I feel like this team is my family," Junior Kim Nash said.

Many of the players on the girls' varsity basketball team have been playing for at least four years. Nash and Junior Beverly Harris have been playing on the same team together for eight years. Junior Didi Sawyer and Seniors Jeannie Skelton, Rachel Veliz and Roshanda Edgar have played together since junior high. Their strong bond of unity and experience as teammates has put them on top.



"When this team gets together and plays with no individuals, it can't be beat," Coach Al Tiller said.

Tiller said that unity is the first goal for his team.

"Sometimes we don't get together until the second half," Harris said, "and then we have to make a comeback."

Although the season did not begin until November, practice started in July.

"Working together for a couple of hours a day for about six months will bring anyone together as a team," Veliz said. "But we're also all good friends."

The team doesn't get much publicity, but the lack of attention didn't seem to bother most of the players.

"I have fun playing the game. I don't care if anyone else notices us or not," Senior Valerie Adler said.

This team has worked together and acquired a special team relationship. This family of basketball players has the attitude of winners, and that's what they are. **Story by Dana Pyfer.**

Throwing the ball back in bounds, Senior Jeannie Skelton searches for one of her teammates to receive the pass. **Steve Mashman photo.**

Varsity player Sophomore Taji Cornell goes up for a layup to make a point against the MacArthur Cardinals. **Steve Mashman photo.**



Reputations vs. Realities

We were ready for them in this game. — **Jr. DiDi Sawyer**

I went into the game to kill. It was my best game. — **Jr. Beverly Harris**

We knew we could beat them, but doing it was hard — **Jr. Kim Nash**

We wanted this game bad, but the drive wasn't enough. — **Sr. Jeannie Skelton**

I thought the game would be easy, but we worked for it. — **Sr. Roshunda Edger**

We were all in a good mood that night. — **Sr. Valerie Adler**

We expected a hard game, and that's what they gave us — **Sr. Rachel Veliz**

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Looking for another Viking to pass to, Junior Didi Sawyer tries to break a hole in the Trojans' defensive zone. **Steve Mashman photo.**

Outsider's Insight

The girls played excellent. Their families and friends supported them with all they had. I know that I'm proud of them and so are most of the other fans. **Mrs. Skelton, mother of Senior Jeannie Skelton**

Varsity player Junior Beverly Harris shoots for a point against the MacArthur Cardinals. Mac took this game in the crosstown rivalry by a score of Mac 43, Vikings 30. While the team worked hard for the win, desire alone wasn't enough to carry this one. **Steve Mashman photo.**

Girls Varsity Basketball team: (front row) Tammy Greene, Taji Conrell, Heather Haley, Cheryl Dunn, Rohnada Edgar, Beverly Harris, Kim Smith. (second row) Rachel Veliz, Linda Crippen, Kim Nash, Valerie Adler, Jeannie Skelton, Didi Sawyer, Coach Al Tiller.



Senior Jeannie Skelton passes over a Newman Smith Trojan's head to allow the Vikings another point. The Vikings downed the Trojans 67-44. **Joe Salinas photo.**

A hardworking season paid its reward. JV girls definitely earned the ultimate title of **Champions!**



We played well this year. Our work paid off. Next year, we'll place first in district as a varsity team.

Junior Linda Crippen

Hard work and winning determination are the foundations of this year's JV girls' basketball team. They had to go through many adjustments, and winning was their reward.

"Hard work last year was mild compared to the workouts we had this year," Sophomore Christina Chacchia said, "but I'm not complaining because we had a good year."

The JV team of 12 members has to make a big adjustment from their freshman team of 31.

"The players this season were very serious about the sport," Coach Patti Salerno said, "and they had to be in order to win."

The girls' determination was the main energy on the court. The fans felt the drive and were enthusiastic toward the team.

"There was usually a big crowd for the game," JV cheerleader Tamera McPeters said. "The fans were constantly yelling and cheering the team on."

The JV team had a great year. They got second in district with 23 wins and 5 losses. They placed first in the Highland Park Tourna-

ment, second in the Irving ISD tournament and won consolation in the Arlington ISD tournament.

"We were tied for district champs with MacArthur," Sophomore Vicki Harris said. "We lost the game and

placed second, but we'll be first next year."

The JV team's hard work definitely paid off. Winners is a title they all earned.

Story by Dana Pyfer.



Looking for a good shot at the goal against Newman Smith, Sophomore Vicki Harris sets up. The final score was Lady Vikings 41, Newman Smith 28. **Steve Mashman photo.**



Reputations vs. Realities

Irving High School was never a real threat. — **Soph. Christina Chacchia**
 We knew it would be a hard game, but the best team won. — **Soph. Pam Peddy**
 We went into the game confident and came out winners. — **Soph. Jamie Stancil**
 We knew we would kill them. They had no chance. — **Soph. Jennifer Extrand**
 I was determined to bet our rivals — **Soph. Vicki Harris**
 Mentally and physically, we had this game in the bag. — **Soph. Becky Guynn**
 We knew we could beat the Warriors with no problem — **Soph. Christy Morris**

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NHS	47	SGP	29

Junior Linda Crippen steals the ball away from a dribbling MacArthur Cardinal. The Lady Vikings were tied with Mac for first with the winner of the game becoming the district champs. **John Mowry photo.**

Outsider's Insight

The fans were enthusiastic about the game. As the year went by, more and more students went to the games. **Mrs. Chacchia, mother of Sophomore Christina Chacchia**



JV Girls Basketball Team: Linda Crippen, Jennifer Ekstarnd, Christy Morris, Vicki Harris, Jamie Stancil, Pam Peddy, Christina Chacchia, Heather Haley. Coach Patti Salerno.



Freshman Girls Basketball Team: (front row) Christy Nall, Rosemary Carrasco, Kim White, Candy Stipes, Irene Pena, Dondi Dunn, Michelle, Alma Silva. (second row) Kelly, Brenda Watts, Christina Geer, Eudene Coffee, April Burton, Bonnie Etten, Laura Marrs, Kim Simmons, Coach Alice Taylor. (third row) Shawna Tucker, Christy Bryant, Sonya Magardy, Lina Flores, Katie Parrent, Sonya Thomas, Angie Wilson, Theresa Jackson.

Concentrating on a basketball goal, Sophomore Vicki Harris prepares to make a free throw, giving the Vikings one more point against the Duncanville Panthers, one of the hardest games of their season. The final score was Lady Vikings 36, Duncanville 34. **John Mowry photo.**

Reputations vs. Realities

I was decent — better than most I guess. — **Soph. Mark Schumpert**

Wrestling was very inspiring. It will help me keep in shape for a long time. — **Fr. Shawn Sutherland**

It was a learning year for the freshman. The best years are to come. — **Fr. Brock Brogdon**

I never wrestled until regionals and we placed fourth. — **Soph. Mike Fisher**

We did pretty well for freshmen, but we all hope to get better, though. — **Fr. Scott Karraker**

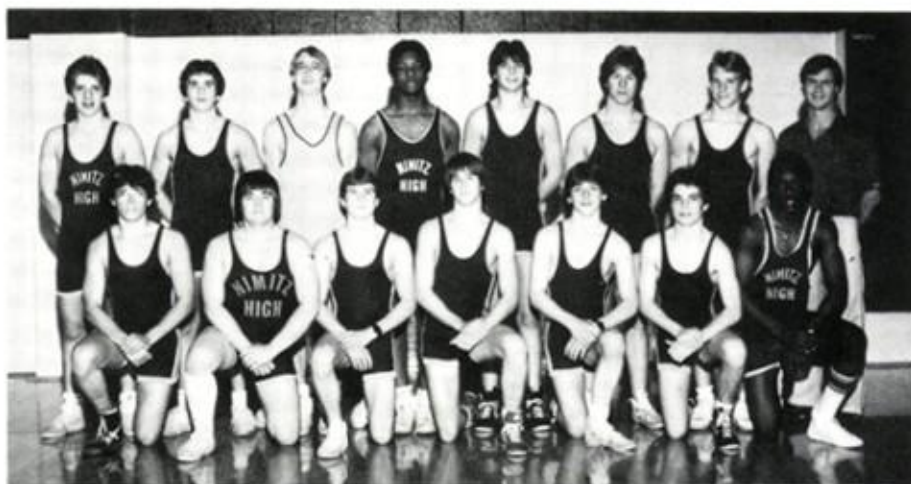
Coach Traver is determined to get the team going. He is very patient. He's proud of us. — **Fr. David Scott**

We don't get enough recognition. We should at least have a place to practice. — **Fr. James Morris**

Outsider's Insight

I thought everything went very well for no more boys than they had. Coach Traver will have a good team next year. **Mrs. Bonnie Hammer, mother of Dennis Hammer**

Advancing to placed as a runner-up at the state tournament, Sophomore Mark Shumpert practices with a teammate to keep in shape. Steve Mashman photo.



Wrestling team: (front row) Mike Fisher, Mike Conger, Mark Shumpert, David Scott, Scott Karraker. (second row) Larry Burns, Brock Brogdon, Ed McCray, James Morris, Chris Brick, Dennis Hammer, Shawn Sutherland, Coach David Traver.

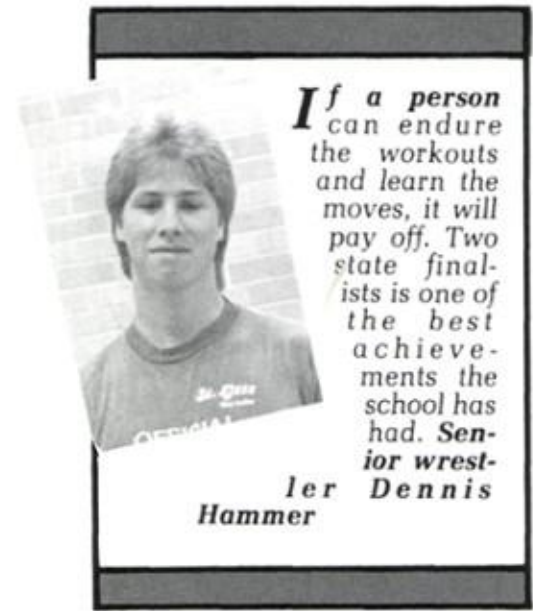


Practicing daily at Townley Elementary School helped Sophomore Mark Shumpert and Freshman Shawn Sutherland stay in practice and ready for competition. Steve Mashman photo.



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Twelfth in state, No. 2 wrestler in Texas and now people are finally starting to Pay attention



If a person can endure the workouts and learn the moves, it will pay off. Two state finalists is one of the best achievements the school has had. **Senior wrestler**

Dennis Hammer



The team finished 12th in the state! They had two state runners-up! What could be disappointing to a team like that? They had one of the best seasons of any sport at Nimitz this year and have had for the past decade. So what could be so disappointing for the Nimitz wrestling team?

"The lack of recognition at Nimitz," Coach David Traver said. "We have had a wrestling team for the past ten years, and it has been the most successful sports program at Nimitz. This year we have had two state runners-up and finished twelfth in the state as a team. Yet nothing was mentioned."

The team members also felt the lack of attention. When asked if there was enough attention given to the sport, Freshman James Morris said that there were a few minor changes that could be made.

"We could at least be given a permanent place to practice here at Nimitz," Morris said.

The team practices at Townley Elementary school during most of the season and in the weight room during off-season training.

Other than the lack of attention, the hardest obstacle

to overcome was inexperience. But the young wrestlers took the little experience they got in practice and used it to the utmost in competition.

"I had never wrestled in competition until regionals," Sophomore Mike Fisher said, "and we placed fourth."

"Although the team did have a good season," Freshman Brock Brogden said, "they all felt that their best season is still to come. This was a learning season for the freshmen and those new to the team, but our best year is still to come. When we gain a little more experience, we will really be good."

As the only senior on the team, Dennis Hammer had to set an example for the newcomers, and if they follow in his footsteps their season will be even better than predicted. Hammer placed first in the regional competition and second in the state contest.

With the experience the team has gained and with the attention they hope to receive, maybe next year they will be sending more to state and getting even more attention. **Story by Ernie Cote.**

Coach David Traver worked hard this year to develop the largely inexperienced team into one of the best in the state. Traver and the wrestlers worked in off campus facilities, but they were able to overcome obstacles and rank twelfth in Texas. **Steve Mashman photo.**

M They were close-knit, hard-working and wanted to be champs. Until then they'll Make a racquet



Nimitz has seen a better season, but not a better tennis team. We all worked hard and achieved a closer team, and individuals improved their games.

Varsity
Tennis Player
Jin Hee Choi

Like the US postal service, neither rain nor snow nor sleet could keep the tennis teams from their daily workouts.

The teams practiced in the May sun and in the January frost. They practiced outside on the courts unless the temperature dropped to 32° or lower, in which case they did drills in the gym.

All the hard work pays off," Sophomore Mike

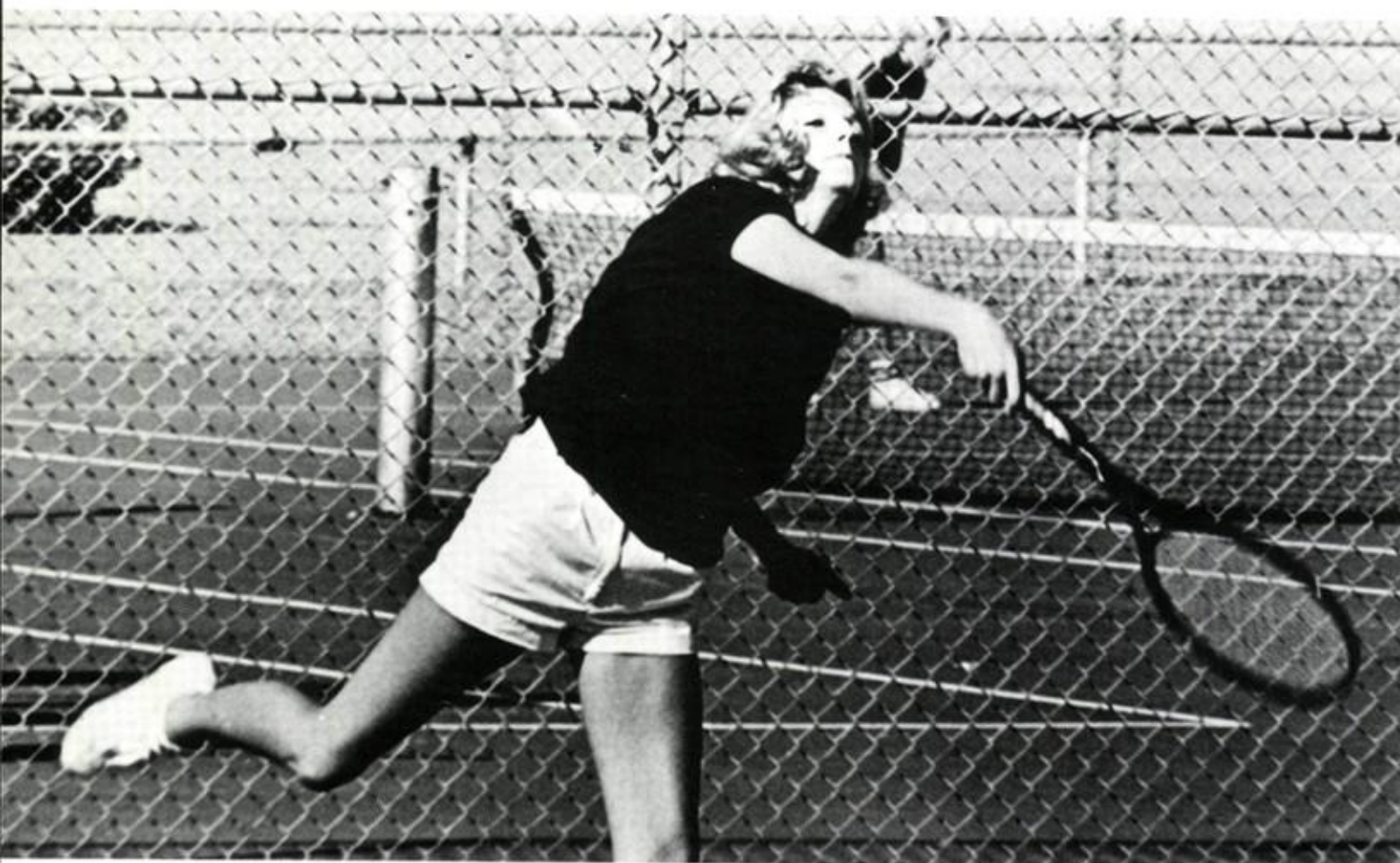
Klepikow said, "when you win. I felt like I had really accomplished something everytime I won a match."

Coach Becky Housden was proud of her 37 male and 25 female players. "They're extremely interested and dedicated," she said, "academically as well as physically. There is also more unity among them this year than there has been in a long time. They clap for each other and really seem

to care."

The players felt that unity and attributed it to Housden. "Housden is great," Freshman Anita Link said. "She works us hard so that we can do our best."

The time and effort put forth by the tennis teams may pay off next year in actual scores, but it paid off this year in the teams' accomplishments. **Story by Crystal Davis.**



Giving it her all, Junior Susan Schoendienst makes her return. All of the tennis team players put in a lot of time and effort into practice as well as with every serve. **Chad Windham photo.**



Making an uplifting serve, Sophomore Richard Norris pounds the ball to his opponent. Norris was one of the many sophomores on the varsity tennis team. **Chad Windham photo.**



Reputations vs. Realities

Tennis this year was much more than a class. It was an experience. — **Jr. Drew Erben**
 I felt that it was a big accomplishment every time we won a match. — **Soph. Mike Klepikow**
 I've enjoyed practicing with this class. They're all good competition. — **Sr. Deirdre Ficken**
 It was fun because everyone worked together, and they worked hard. — **Fr. Kevin Verver**
 We didn't do too great this year, but everybody improved their game. — **Soph. Jin Hee Choi**

Sophomore Steven Tillery bounces the ball in preparation for his serve. Most players agreed that mental preparation was as important as physical. Chad Windham photo.

Outsider's Insight

The team improved a lot this year as a whole. There were also many individuals who made obvious improvements throughout the year. **Junior Jeff Morgan, tennis team manager**



JV Tennis Team: (front row) Kim Baker, Naomi Seidmeyer, Rachel Scott, Jin Choi. (second row) Cari Marks, Mike Klepikow, Kevin Verver, Andy Romanyshin, Debbie Hendrix, James Bratton, Don Boren, Lisa Smith, Nancy Barbosa. (third row) Karen Gammon, John Lajesse, Dion Ancheta, Jed Commandante, Michael Angelo, Drew Erben, Randy Seago, Samantha McGregor, You Hee Choi, Anita Link, So-Ok Kim.



Varsity Tennis Team: (front row) Satish Skariah, Scott Bottoms, Liz Samuel, Martha Granado, Joo Noh, Anita Abutin. (second row) Jin Hee Choi, Jolene McKeown, Byung Noh, Jesse Verghese, Glenn Granado, Richard Norris, Amber Williams. (third row) Jeff Morgan, Marci Narcis, Paul Evans, Steven Tillery, Jimmy Henderson, Daron Macke, Reynaldo Abutin, Susan Schoendienst, Scott Minyard, Billy Swarm, Coach Becky Housden.

Reputations vs. Realities

We had a really good season. We all had a lot of fun and we learned a lot. — **Jr. Rodney Hegwood**
We all had our ups and downs, but I guess we did OK with so few members. — **Jr. Chad Windham**
The season seemed really long this year. We went to a lot of tournaments, too. — **Jr. John Zimlich**
I learned a whole lot from golf. It was a very relaxing sport and teaches you patience. — **Sr. Marvin Reynolds**
Learning to play golf was fun and I'm sure that it is a game I will play for a long time. — **Fr. Leslie Lents**
Being my first year, I didn't know if I'd help or hurt the team, but I guess I contributed. — **Jr. Rene Gonzales**

Outsider's Insight

The boys worked hard at improving their game. I am glad they are getting involved in the game at a young age. They will probably enjoy the game all their lives. **Mr. Hegwood, parent of Junior Rodney Hegwood**

At the peak of his backswing, Junior Chad Windham prepares to shoot. Windham and the other team members practiced occasionally at a field near the school. Chad Windham photo.



Improvements were made on the golf team to finish 5th in district by going at it Full swing ahead



We did pretty well this season. We all improved a lot. It was obvious by watching that we got better as the year progressed. We still have a lot of improving to do and we're working

hard at it.
Junior Chad Windham

Determination was the key factor in the improvement of this year's golf team. By having longer practices and attending more tournaments they were determined to have a good season. Their hard work paid off and by the end of the year their improvements were obvious.

"We started our first tournament with a 363 and we ended our season with a 318," said Coach Eddie Dowler.

With improvements came adjustments. The team had to adjust to having their own coach because this year was the first year that they didn't have to share a coach with MacArthur and Irving.

Their scores reflected the adjustments they made. "We did much better this year," said Junior Chad Windham, "and we improved a lot."

One of the team's greatest achievements was being four strokes away from second place in the district tournament. Unfortunately because of their inconsistency by the end of the tournament the team ended up in 6th place.

"The team's hardest obstacle this season was

being consistent," Dowler said. "They were in third after the first round in district. Marvin Reynolds had a 76 and Renee Gonzales had a 78, but in the second round they were unable to withstand the pressure and finished in fifth."

Now supplied with a permanent coach and an obvious determination to improve maybe the golf team will come in a consistent first in next year's district tournament.
Story by Chrystal Davis.

Practicing his swing, Junior John Zimlich concentrates on the ball. The golf team practiced throughout the school year during sixth period. Chad Windham photo.



Golf Team: (front row) Clint Smith, Kenny Green, Rodney Hegwood, John Zimlich, Rene Gonzales, Leslie Lents. (second row) Marvin Reynolds, Darren Kilsby, Chad Windham, Brian McGee, Gary Pittman, Steve Horsey, Coach Eddie Dowler.

Senior Rene Gonzales made an outstanding contribution to this year's golf team by finishing below 80 in two varsity tournaments. In the first round of district competition, the team was in third place with the help of Gonzales who shot a 78. Chad Windham photo.

I Boys' track broke records, ran 5th at the Texas Relays. Their hard work paid off In the long run



We did pretty good this season. We were picked to be district champs again, and we worked really hard like we did last year, and we got it again. We worked as a team and we got what we wanted.

Senior Don Danford

This is one story that doesn't need a catchy lead to entice the readers. The simple facts should grab one's attention.

The Nimitz boy's track team placed first in the district meet. They are the only team in Nimitz history to have won two consecutive district championships in any sport. They ran a 3:156 in the 1600 meter

relay — the fifth fastest time at the Texas Relay Meet.

Now, supplied with the hard facts, one might be wondering why this team didn't make it to the state meet.

"We're in the most competitive region in the state, Coach Milton Watson said, "and we've beat everybody in this area except for the

Dallas district."

Although the team didn't go to the state competition, they did take part in what they considered to be a challenging meet.

"The Texas Relays are a big deal," Senior Cedric Layton said. "It's bigger than district to us. Some of the best teams in Texas get to go."

For the second straight year, Watson took his mile relay team to the Texas Relays which is an invitational meet held in Austin where Willms, Kevin Ferguson, Layton and Adolfo Soto finished fifth in the 1600 meter relay.

The only goal that the team set for themselves that they did not reach was going to the state meet as a team, but they all agreed that their backbreaking workouts were worth their record breaking season. **Story by Ernie Cote.**

Junior Rudolf Soto tries to get his stretching partner senior Brian Willms to get serious. They took their workouts and meets seriously. **Gary Schepf photo.**

Keeping an eye on the discus, Senior Kirk Burgess completes his throw. Through the experience Burgess gained in meets, he was able to place second in district. **Gary Schepf photo.**



Reputations vs. Realities

My goal was to break the record so I worked hard and did it. — **Sr. Jerry Edgar**
 It was my first year in the high jump. Jerry and I did all right. — **Sr. Don Danford**
 They said we'd be district champs if I did my part and I did. — **Sr. Kirk Burgess**
 I worked hard to break the record, but it was worth it. — **Sr. Kevin Ferguson**
 We all worked hard and were proud to be on the team. — **Sr. Brian Willms**
 Very successful season, met every goal but going to state. — **Coach Milton Watson**

Outsider's Insight

The boys' track team showed lots of umph, and they made great strides for 1986. **Linda Ivins, vice-principal**

Pulling and stretching every muscle in his body, Senior Brian Willms prepares for the 400m relay. Willms and the relay team had the 5th fastest time in the state. Gary Schepf photo.



Jogging before his real workout begins with the rest of the track team, Freshman Byron Miles makes his way around the JV football field. **Andrea Mandley photo.**



Boys Track Team: (front row) Tim Hux, Adolfo Soto, James Hux, Eric Maye, Ronnie Smith, Britt Vaughan, John Romo. (second row) Mark Coffman, Keith Bosworth, Alejandro Roman, Jimmy Williams, Rudolfo Soto, Matt Brooks, Jim Davis, J. B. Miller, Anthony Montgomery. (third row) Corey Van Volkenburg, John Mowry, Scott Gaither, Jerry Edgar, Cedric Layton, Horace Fuller. (fourth row) Sharon Yeakley, Michelle DeFreece, Don Danford, Kirk Burgess, Brian Willms, Kevin Ferguson, Coach Milton Watson.

R Was it hard work and dedication that gave them their unity and success? No, it just uns in the family



Through the thrill of victories and agonies of deficiencies, the girls' track team coped with the ineligibilities of some of their key runners and celebrated sending three to regionals.

Part of the success is contributed to Coach Becky Christenberry's hard workouts, love for the track girls and moral support.

"I think Coach Chris is the most caring coach an athlete can work with," Senior Theresa Smith said. "You went out for practice and worked for Coach Chris because she cared a lot."

Another part is attributed to other team members. "We were like a family," said Freshman Angie Foster. "When one of us would mess up, there was always another team

member to back you up and give moral support.

Returning track members hope that the team unity and moral support will still exist even though Christenberry has decided not to coach next year.

The returning members not only hope the new coach will be supportive but also that the track members will be as close as they were before.

"Being like a family affected us because it made our victories better," Smith said. "We could share the victories with others."

Certain individuals did exceptionally well and the team was able to celebrate with them.

Sheila Kazee broke a new school record in the 100 meter dash. Taji Cornell also broke the school record in the 100 meter hurdles. Kazee, LeeAnn Baker and Smith advanced to regionals, and Smith then advanced to state.

The thrills outnumbered the agonies this season, and the few agonies were easy to deal with because they were dealt with within the family. **Story by Shannon Scott.**

Coach Becky Christenberry congratulates a happy Theresa Smith after a first-place shot put throw. Christenberry helped make the team one big family, her team said. **Shannan Long photo.**



Reputations vs. Realities

IV has a great future ahead of them. They really impressed me. — **Coach Becky Christenberry**
 Taji Cornell reaching her goal proved what hard work and dedication can do. — **Teresa Smith**
 I accomplished my goals that I set out for at the end of last year. — **Lee Ann Baker**
 It was a dream I never thought would come true, but with hard work it's become reality. — **Sr. Theresa Smith**
 Track was a great experience for me this year. I enjoyed the girls and Coach Chris. — **Jr. Shiela Kazee**

Sophomore Kim Gruber moves along in her daily workouts. The 400 meter workouts were hard, but they paid off for Gruber as she placed in most meets. **Shannan Long photo.**

Outsider's Insight

We may not have won anything spectacular, but every girl went out there and did her best. **Ann Brazier, mother of Debbie Brazier**



Girls Track Team: (front row) Tina Wilson, Lisa King, Kathy Cox, Kim Gruber, Sheila Kazee, Melody Dollison, Rhonda Kanhai, Shannan Long, Melissa Power. (second row) Shelly Truber, Kristin Murphy, Debbie Brazier, Sandra Duckworth, Meredith McCoy, Ronda Brewster, Trudy Tobias, Angie Wilson, LeeAnn Baker. (third row) Theresa Smith, Julie York, Taji Cornell, Bonnie Eiten, Lara Mitchell, Sonja McGarity, Tracy Wilkerson, Steward Wenino, Shannon Scott. (fourth row) Coach Becky Christenberry, Lisa Jerpi, Shannon Zimlich, Connie Glennon, Dawn Ratcliff, Elizabeth Grunewald, Angie Foster, Khristi Bryant.

Senior Theresa Smith prepares for her next throw. The mental and physical preparations paid off when Smith placed sixth in state. **Shannon Long photo.**



Winding up with the discus, Senior LeeAnn Baker concentrates on the 100 meter mark. Baker placed sixth in regionals and helped the team both physically and mentally improve over last year. **Shannan Long photo.**

Reputations vs. Realities

We played the best we could and beat them pretty bad. — **Soph. Mike Simmons** NHS 4 HIL 8
 That was the best game. We lost in the 11th inning. — **Soph. Ricky King** We NHS 4 SGP 3
 came out playing and we played hard until the end. — **Soph. Ralph Brunner** NHS14 SUN 1
 We were down by two in the last inning. We'd beat them before. — **Jr. Chris** NHS18 RIC 9
Spence It was a real circus. They shouldn't have made any runs. — **Jr. Rick** NHS17 RIC 11
Hagerud I knew we'd beat them. We had before, so . . . — **Jr. Trevor Davis** NHS10 SUN 0

Outsider's Insight

Definite improvement! They had a whole lot of heart. They never gave up, and they always bounced back after being down. **Peggy Filbeck, Nimitz baseball fan**

During a game at ISS, Junior Eric Hagerud puts all of his energy into every pitch. Each player also used his energy to keep up the team's spirit. **Stephanie Mashman photo.**



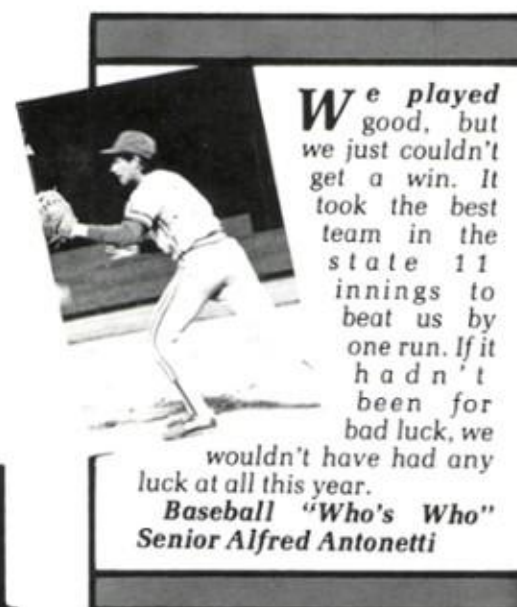
With determination on his face, Senior Mike Rushing returns to the dugout for a thirst quencher. The team had hard workouts, but in the early summer weather, they still had to adjust to the heat, and lots of empty Gatorade bottles could always be found in the dugout after the games ended. **Gary Schepf photo.**

Ready to make a powerful swing, Sophomore Mike Simmons keeps his eye on the ball. Simmons and the rest of the varsity baseball team put a lot of concentration into their game. Their hard work may not have resulted in a large number of wins on the season, but they found the experience helped them look forward to next year. **Chad Windham photo.**



No luck at all

Varsity baseball had the right players, coaches. They worked hard but had



We played good, but we just couldn't get a win. It took the best team in the state 11 innings to beat us by one run. If it hadn't been for bad luck, we wouldn't have had any luck at all this year.

Baseball "Who's Who"
Senior Alfred Antonetti

The records showed the team's win-loss record as a majority of losses, but off the record the team was tops in spirit, togetherness, determination and hardwork.

This year the team was united under a new coach. Coach Bryan Harwell, who played high school baseball in a Viking uniform himself, had high hopes for the team. He pulled them together and taught them to give it all they had.

"The coach helped the team out a lot. He stuck with us throughout the losing season and never gave up on us," Sophomore Ricky King said.

The varsity team practiced every day after school. Practice started with stretching, running and batting practice. Workouts were tough, but it helped to strengthen the team.

"Coach Harwell made the difference. He wanted us to win. He gave us a hard workout so that when game time came, we'd be prepared," Sophomore Aaron Flinchum said.

The baseball players never threw in the towel either. They worked hard, and they did their best.

"We played good, real good. Sometimes we deserved to win because of all the good work, plays and hits we made. But sometimes we had too many errors that lost it for us," Senior Alfred Antonetti

said.

Team spirit was rarely on a downer. 'Let's go Mike' and other calls to teammates could be heard from the dugout. They gave each other support and made some family ties among themselves.

"Our team was made up of one big family. It made all of us feel great to be on the up 'n' up, and when something went wrong we all felt that, too," Senior Chris Coronado said.

Though the defeats put a dent in the record, it's what's on the inside that means the most. Nimitz varsity baseball proved that winning isn't everything; it's how you play the game that counts. **Story by Lara Trahan.**

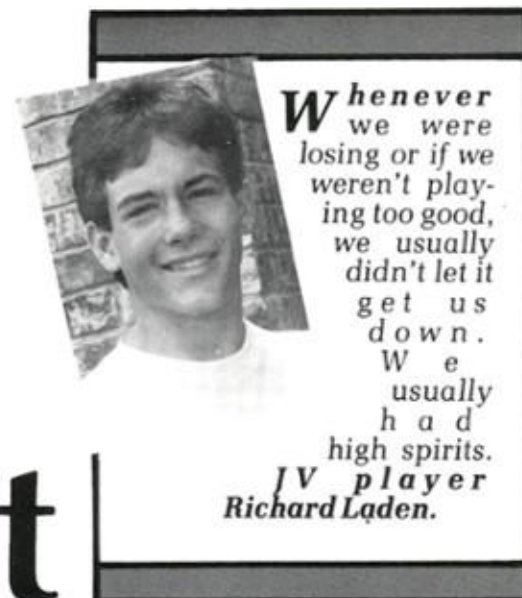


All of the batters on the varsity team were always eager to not only bat but also to return to the homeplate to score for their team. They couldn't have done anything without the cooperation that all the players showed. **Gary Schepf photo.**



Varsity Baseball Team: (front row) Paige Filbeck, Kyle Mathies, Mike Brunner, Eric McBride, Mike Simmons, Heath Daniels. (second row) Erin Flinchum, Chris Spence, Chris Coronado, Eden Martinez, Troy Smith, Curtis James, Kenneth Rushing. (third row) Coach Bryan Harwell, Trevor Davis, Mike Rushing, Alfred Antonetti, Ricky King, Brian Baron, Eric Hagerud, Coach G.W. Melton.

I Scoreboard may have shown them down but their high spirits meant all was well n the dug-out



The sport baseball requires a lot of time and devotion. This year's junior varsity baseball team had both. The players practiced every day after school until 6 p.m. When a player consistently strives to improve his game, that is dedication, and many players improved tremendously throughout the year.

The junior varsity basketball team worked together

and showed a lot of team unity. Throughout the season they adapted to new positions and plays that changed the outcome of a few games. Over all the season was a great learning experience.

The baseball team's final district record was 4-8, and their season record was 6-13. "Inconsistent play," said Coach Jinks White, "was the cause of the inconsistency

in the win-loss record."

Two exciting victories in the season were the MacArthur and Irving games. These games were important statistically and morally to the players because they beat their rivals. "Everyone was enthusiastic about the game, and we really enjoyed beating our biggest rivals," said Freshman Anthony Villanueva.

Although their record doesn't show it, the JV baseball team improved and grew together as a team. This year's learning experience helped them to prepare for next year. Freshman Paul Chung said, "Next year we will be ready to take on even more victories." **Story by Jill McDonald and Tonya Tribble**

Nimitz JV player Paul Chung hits a single to centerfield to bring in two runs. A few strong batters really benefited the team. **Chad Windham photo.**

JV player Anthony Villanueva runs quickly to first base then makes a quick turn and runs on to second. **Chad Windham photo.**





Reputations vs. Realities

I considered this year as a building season for next year. — **Fr. Paul Chung** NHS 4 GP 6
 The season was good, but we made mistakes at bad times. — **Soph. Mark Kim** NHS 0 DUN 5
 When we played without many errors we were undefeatable. — **Fr. Alex Pena** NHS 17 MAC 5
 We learned some new things this year and we had fun. — **Soph. Richard Laden** NHS 9 IRV 5
 Even though we didn't win them all we still had fun. — **Soph. Jason Thompson** NHS 6 RLT 9

Three strikes didn't get the batter out but Freshman John Clem tags him on the run. Clem and the rest of the JV team were good hard workers, but they just had some bad breaks. Chad Windham photo.

Outsider's Insight

I enjoy watching the team play. Their main problem was that they were such a young team, but they are going to do some winning next year. **Mrs. Laden, parent of Soph. Richard Laden**



Nimitz JV player James Clem warms up with Mike Mitchell before a baseball game. Warming up is done before every game to loosen up muscle and get the team pumped up. Chad Windham photo.



Junior Varsity Baseball Team: (front row) Richard Laden, Kenneth Rushing, Kelvin Brown, Ricky King, Mark Kim, Jason Thompson, Mark Courson, Anthony Villanueva, James Clem. (second row) Alex Pena, Paul Chung, Chris Windham, Brent Green, Robert KGault, Mike Mitchell, Coach Jinks White. (third row) Aaron Cooper, Corley Connolly, Flint Lee, Troy Hallberg, Danny Atkins, Daniel Faber, Larry Campo, Daniel Hernandez, Bennie Woodson.

Reputations vs. Realities

The Irving team has improved so much. Most of the credit goes to their coach. He's great. —

Senior Theresa Wright

The Newman Smith team was exceptional. They had a good all-around score. — **Junior Leanne Parma**

The L. D. Bell team had a lot of elite people which really gave us a challenge. — **Sophomore Terry Shumate**

The Garland team had their act together. They knew what it meant to work. — **Junior Allana Moore**

Outsider's Insight

They're a very dedicated group of young people. They are small but very enthusiastic, and I believe that they have a lot of potential. **Mrs. Roxanne Parma, mother of Junior Leanne Parma**

As she begins her floor routine, Senior Theresa Wright prepares for a tumbling run. **Steve Mashman photo.**



As Freshman Larry Reeves prepares to begin his compulsory routine, he waits for the judges' approval to start. Being one of the few freshmen on the team, Reeves had to work hard and gain the respect of the mostly upperclassmen team. With a good year and hard work, he was able to do this. **Steve Mashman photo.**

Coming down on the springboard, Junior Leanne Parma is anxious to make a perfect vault. The gymnast has to make every move as graceful as possible while using all her strength at the same time to hurl herself up into her move. **Steve Mashman photo.**



Gymnastics Team: (front row) Jackie Jones, Coach Janet Cochran, Stacie Cashman. (second row) David Bottenfield, Terry Schumate, Jennifer Day, Beth Young. (third row) Larry Reeves, Theresa Wright, Leanne Parma, Allana Moore, Derek Bennett.



A perfect ten

With only 11 members, the gymnastics team fought the odds and were almost



This year's gymnastics team was definitely not lacking in quality. The team had a group of very fine gymnasts.

Although the team consisted of many talented people not all were able to compete at all times. This problem did more damage to the group's season than anything else.

"Our main problem was the fact that we never had enough players," Junior Derek Bennett said.

"The No Pass-No Play

rule was a very good idea and a very necessary evil," Coach Janet Cochran said, "But it was the main reason for the constant lack of players."

Along with the ineligibilities were the numerous injuries which caused many to miss meets and important practices.

"We had such a small team already, and with the injuries and No Pass-No Play, we lost even more," Junior Allana Moore said.

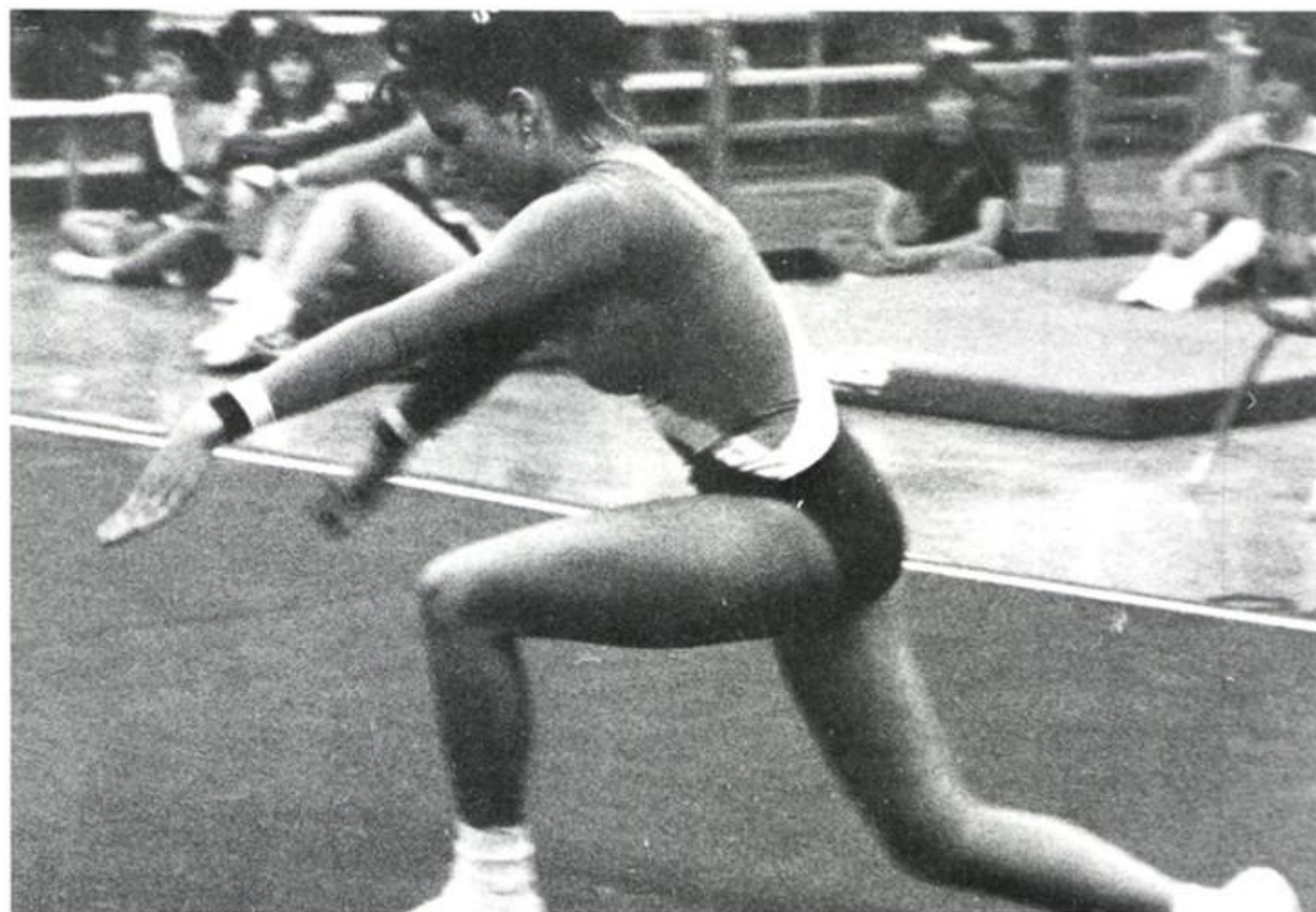
"The team just could not af-

ford that loss."

Even with the shortage of available gymnasts the team did exceptionally well at Team Cup, the last meet of the season.

The team has made great accomplishments this year. It has been a year of growth and maturing for the group of young gymnastics.

"I've watched these kids grow. They have improved more than I ever expected," Cochran said. "I am very proud of this team." **Story by Shannon Ingram.**



With all her limbs in perfect positions, Junior Allana Moore starts with her mat routine. The spectators and other gymnasts are keeping a close eye on Moore who always kept their attention with her creative routines. **Steve Mashman photo.**

Proof Positive

The Proof is in Our
PRIDE

Here's Proof. The end result — an entertaining half-time show — Honor Society members helping special education students — a decathlon team going to state — and 82 dazzling smiles from our adopted children at Christmas.

Chances were if anything special was happening at school one of the many clubs was behind it. Clubs such as FHA, band, drill team, and newspaper identified us with our interests, while service clubs such as Student Council sponsored Homecoming and SMILE Week, carrying us through the usual school days. It was a rarity that a day would pass without an 8 a.m. meeting or a club sponsored event.

Being involved gave us a positive attitude towards ourselves by making us leaders and towards our school by making us proud — Proof Positive.

Drum Major Senior Tony Benitez leads the band at a halftime performance. Benitez was awarded a music scholarship to North Texas State University. Erikalyn Ellis photo.





At the play rehearsal of "Exit the Body" Freshman So Ok Kim tries to calm down classmate Jeannie Bush. Bush is frantic because she has just seen a dead body in her closet and thinks she is going crazy. The Nimitz chorale practices for an upcoming concert. Senior sponsor Gary Schepf twirls Bridgette Dozier to "Rock Around The Clock." Varsity cheerleader Dale Howard applauds a guest speaker at a pep rally. Steve Mashman, Chad Windham photos.

Student Council

Student involvement proves school pride

Student Council was an active organization whose major concern was getting the students and teachers involved with school activities. The council, officers, class and homeroom representatives met to get ideas for future projects.

"The club is for better communication between the student body, faculty and among students," Sponsor Linda Halcomb said.

They provided services and educational projects for the school and community.

"The council promotes interaction between the students and the city they live in through programs like CHIMES, Adopt-A-Child, SMILE, Pennies for People, and the calendar for starving children," Sophomore Steven Baxley said.

Other activities that the Student

Council took part in were the Freshman Orientation, the election of the Homecoming Court, Homecoming parade, bonfire, dance and door decorations, spirit ribbon sales and the Viking of the Month.

The marquee in front of the school and the calendar in the west hall were put up and decorated by committees on the council. Each was set up to benefit students by keeping them informed of the events going on during the week.

"Student Council is a great way to get involved with what's going on at your school. I don't mind taking the extra three or four hours a week to work on the marquee and calendar," Senior Heath Daniels said.

The Student Council is not referred to as a club, but as a council of young minds working together to make their school a friendlier, happier and more active place for students to be. Story by Lara Trahan.



Adopt-A-Child is great! It really makes you feel good to see the kid's face as he opens his gift.
Sophomore
Jim-Hee Choi



Vice principal Bill McAlister does his share of the dirty work on Spring Clean Up Day. Students and faculty joined together to spruce up the campus in May. Stephanie Mashman photo.

As a member of the Public Relations committee, Senior Heath Daniels decorates the calendar for the week of November 25-27. This was Daniels' third year in the Student Council. Chad Windham photo.



As Sophomore Terry Shumate watches on, four year old Manuel Rodriquez tears open one of the many gifts that he received from Molly Turner's Physical Science class. Rodriquez was one of the participants of the Adopt-A-Child program. Joe Salinas photo.



Student Council: (front row) Scott Doran, Katie Echols, Keith Mathies, Kim Brem, Bertha Villareal, Tiffany Williams, Darrell Ingram, Ronnie Perry, Rhonda Bush. (second row) Jennifer Perry, Stephen Baxley, So Young Kim, Teresa Parsons, Steve Mordeci, Cindy Mee, Chris Spence, Linda Halcomb. (third row) Tamara Wilsy, Tina Reynolds, Heather Haley, Shawna Tucker, Gene Bush, Debbie Hendrix, Kim White, Jeff Morgan.

Student Council sponsor Linda Halcomb amuses an ex's child during the reception for the returning students after the Homecoming parade. This reception gave old friends an opportunity to catch up with the latest news. Steve Mashman photo.



Cleaning up Nimitz High School was dirty work, but somebody had to do it. Junior president Didi Sawyer looks for the best cleanser to do the job for the Student Council Spring Clean-Up Day. Many students took time out from their Saturday mornings to take part in the sprucing up of the buildings' appearance. Stephanie Mashman photo.

Science Club members take time out for a picnic lunch and laughter at the Glen Rose Dinosaur Park. Students' involvement for the club was very active for its first year at school. *Candy Smilie photo.*



Number Sense and Calculator Clubs: Karen Sargent, Julia Taylor, Scott Doran, David Coward, Doris Renshaw.



Mu Alpha Theta: (front row) Karen Sargent, Valerie Adler, Allan Adams, Allana Moore, Nick Elizondo, Everly Broadway. (second row) Debbie Hendrix, Michael Angelo, Rod Byers, Jaime Lawrence, Karen Eckert, Steve Mordica, Sondra Gutowski, James Bratton, Chuck Holley. (third row) Courtney Blackwell, Elizabeth Joseph, Beverly Harris, Dennise Garcia, Dorinda Weaver, Diana Torres, Norma Rea, LeAnne Parma, Rhonda Bush. (fourth row) David Kim, Lisa Jerpi, Shannon Kingen, Ronnie Perry, Rodney Hegwood, Chris Arnold, Todd Bowden, Chris Spence, DiDi Sawyer, Meredith McCoy. (fifth row) Donna Mason, Tammy Black, Doug Rhodes, Denise Craig, Lisa Robinson, Dion Anchetta, Jed Commadante, Brooke Summural, Becky Murry. (sixth row) Natalie Chaves, So Young Kim, Scott Hunt.



TRON: (front row) John Kim, Daren Macke, Billy Swarm, Glenn Granado. (second row) Bob Harmon, Ginny Limpus, Steve Baxley, Gary Schepf. (third row) Julia Taylor, Charla Thornton, Sherri McIntosh, Eric Haberkamp. (fourth row) Joey Etten, David Coward, Jeff Graves, Jeff Charlton.



Initiation ceremonies start with the presidential speech. Mu Alpha Theta's president, Allana Moore, gives a brief introduction before the ceremony begins. *Chad Windham photo.*

TRON members spend the day at the Texas State Fair to enjoy the Robotics Exhibit displayed there. Learning more about computers and electronic devices could help these students decide on a future career choice. *John Mowry photo.*



Number Sense, Tron, Mu Alpha Theta, Sci-Fi, Science Club

Making moves for out of this world advances

Math careers. Number Sense, Tron and Mu Alpha Theta were the clubs that promoted and allowed students to get involved and further their interests in math.

Number Sense, a UIL competition club for total mental thinking, was started by algebra teacher Doris Renshaw.

"I started Number Sense when the school opened. It takes a lot of work because it is very complicated," Renshaw said. The contest is based on strict mental intelligence, as no scratch paper or erasures can be used during competition.

The club name Tron is the computer command "trace on," to follow a program's path.

Sponsors Ginny Limpus, Gary Schepf, and club members went to a robot exhibit at the State Fair. Tron looked at the various types of robots, ranging from play toys to engineering machines.

"Tron has been to many computer contests, and we went to regionals. We have hosted our own contest here at school," Limpus said.

The club also took part in a computer dating survey. Many students filled out an information sheet to find out who their most compatible mate might be.

Mu Alpha Theta, another math club, competed in the Texas Math League Contest. Special speakers of math careers and unusual math topics visited the club to try to encourage members in pursuing a career in math.

"I'm going to major in accounting, and Mu Alpha Theta provides a background that universities look for," Junior Troy Smith said.

Two other clubs that started this year were Sci-Fi and the Science Club.

Sci-Fi is for any student interested in science fiction and fantasy tales. Activities of the club included book reviews, story writing, trivial pursuit, attending Sci-Fi conventions and viewing media.

The Science Club is for those

Number Sense was difficult at first. It became much easier because I learned more shortcuts.
Sophomore David Coward



Sci-Fi: (front row) Martha Granado, Satish Skariah, Jacques Brooks, Krista McDaniel, Chris Walden, Tim Collier, Don Killian. (second row) Reynaldo Abutin, Stephen Tillery, Michael Erlund, Glenn McGee, Travis Hall, Trey Morris, Randy Seago.



Science Club: (front row) Michael Angelo, Vince Zost, Jed Commandante, Victor Eugenio, Shawn Wallace, Chuck Tillman, Clint Persons, Michael Hill, Clint Gage. (second row) Teresa Hasty, Santosh John, Steve McNeil, Young Ju Kim, Roxanne Richardson, Rachael Batto, Debbie Hendrix, Annie John.

Sci-Fi sponsor Don Killian hangs the pedigree stating that "Nimitz Sci-Fi Club is the owner of a genuine Dreeble from the planet Altair." This certificate announced the start of the club. Candy Smilie photo.

by Birthday



French, Spanish, German, Latin Parties and Friends a cultural discovery

F*roehliche Weihnachten, Io Saturnalia, Feliz Navidad, Joyeux Noel, Merry Christmas.* During the Christmas season, the foreign language classes sang carols through the halls in their learned language as one of their many activities.

"Besides singing songs, I like a Germanfest the best," said Senior Lee Ann Baker. This festivity consisted of competition with German phases of grammar, reading comprehension, and fun things like pretzel eating and rootbeer drinking. Baker, vice-president and historian of the club, kept track of all records from the meetings and get-togethers.

At the same time, the French and

Spanish clubs were having fun eating, dancing, and singing at their December Christmas party. They also tried a scavenger hunt, having all the words in mixed languages. Club sponsor, Sarah Di Tucci said, "We try to offer as much fun and enjoyment as possible, while still trying to interest the students in the country's cultural background and history."

The Latin club also seemed to have fun at their "after-Christmas" party. Many games including Trivial Pursuit were played, awarding the winners with points. At the end of the night, the one with the most points received a \$25 bonus. Other activities included a Roman Orgy at the Magic Time machine, participating in the Homecoming parade, and the annual fund raiser. George Delarosa, president of the Latin club said, "Latin, being the basis for the English language, will hopefully help me in my future career."

Although most students took a foreign language class because of college requirements, they proved to make many friends and have much fun in their foreign language clubs. **Story by Lynda Kain.**



I think the French club is great, but I wish more people were involved. — Sophomore Matt Cartwright



Juniors Chris Arnold, Shelli Headrick, Drew Erben, and Freshman Jason Beals try to understand the full concept of the verb "to be." Their struggle with learning Latin was eased by their enjoyment of the class. **Joe Salinas photo.**



As French teacher Sarah DiTucci says a number in French, Junior Michelle Defreese writes the numerals on the board. This was one of many practices the French teacher used to aid in understanding the language. Joe Salinas photo.

Becky Christenberry, a German teacher and coach, frowns at a student when asked, "Do we have to take a quiz today?" Joe Salinas photo.



Spanish Club: (front row) Deborah Ledda, Kim Brem, Shannon Ingram, Carole Jones, Shannon Smith, Sarah DiTucci. (second row) Michael Angelo, Cindy Smith, Sandy Martino, Debbie Rich, Deirdre Ficken. (third row) Brian Reid, Tabitha Moore, Melissa Alley, Laura Johnson, Marla Rhodes. (fourth row) Mike Mitchell, Vicki Harris, Beverly Harris, Sang O.



French Club: (front row) Julie York, Mechelle Chesser, Matt Cartwright, Sarah DiTucci. (second row) Angela Fryar, Angela Leal, Sandy Martino, Debbie Rich, Trahn Pham, Shawn Sutherland. (third row) Mary Harris, Jolene McKeown, Ricki Chase, Maria Ortiz, Josie Flores. (fourth row) Gary Rheinfeldt, Paula Hinkle, Lisa Durham, Betty Vineyard, Penny Wise.



German Club: (front row) Darby Adams, Janet MacKay. (second row) Jason Coulther, Becky Christenberry, Stewart Wenino.



Latin Club: (front row) Lynda Kain, Steve Sarosy, Guy Swimm, Trinh Tran, George DeLaRosa, Scott Anderson, John LaJesse. (second row) Martha Evans, Missy Milholen, Santosh John, David Klutz, Jason Evans, Jeff Thornton, Cindy Mee, Allana Moore, Drew Erben.

Deborah Ledda and her first year Spanish class discuss the present tense of the verb "hablar" which means "to talk" in English. Ledda often drills their Spanish vocabulary to help the students learn. Joe Salinas photo.

Senior James Brinkley, president of Teens for Christ, and Junior Tresha O'Connor read through Brinkley's Bible during Sixth period. Brinkley was reading Psalms 3:3 to O'Connor while waiting for the 3:30 bell. Chad Rueffer photo.



FHA: (front row) Kim Foxx, Tonya Tucker. (second row) Shanna Murphy, Tracey Broom, Shawna Tucker.



Y-Teens: (front row) Belinda Mann, Amy Polous, Sonja Piper. (second row) Kathy Barbee, Jennifer Polous, Andrea Aviles.



Teens for Christ: (front row) Tanya Scott, Tresha O'Connor, James Brinkley, Fabian Trahan. (second row) Julie York, Kirk Seace, Karen Murphy, Shannon Warren, Stacy Warren, Patricia Hulen. (third row) Josie Flores, Shawna Tucker, Tonya Tucker, Kathy Messersmith, Tracey Broom.



FCA: (front row) Coach Patti Salerno, Becky Guynn, Theresa Smith, Coach Becky Christenberry, Shannon Smith, Kim Wing, Lori Ferriman. (second row) Debbie Brazier, Didi Sawyer, Sharon Williams, Shannon Kingen, Priscilla Barber, Kim Simmons, Coach Alice Taylor, Michelle Gruber, Coach Mona Castro. (third row) Rhonda Kanhai, Sonya Thomas, Alma Silva, Sandra Saenz, Amy Ford, Sandra Duckworth, Doshia Guillory, Kim White, LeeAnn Baker, Treffany Johnson. (fourth row) Linda Crippen, Jeannie Skelton, Beverly Harris, Erica Ellis, Terry Schumate, Teresa Wright, Coach Janet Cochran, Teri Alford, Katrina Torres.



Saturday morning of homecoming weekend found Y-Teens riding along comfortably in the parade. Juniors Jennifer Polous and Belinda Mann, along with Senior Amy Polous found it difficult to recruit and keep new members.

Junior class president Didi Sawyer tries her hand at bowling on junior bowling night at Golden Triangle Bowl. Sawyer was an active member in FCA as she participated in girl's varsity basketball, girl's track, summer soccer and summer softball. **Stephanie Mashman photo.**



FCA, FHA, Teens for Christ, Y-Teens Organizations look for reorganization

An organization is a body of people joining together for a cause. Whatever the cause may be is irrelevant. The main point is for the organization to stay active in its unity and to grow in its purpose.

There are, at Nimitz, four clubs that meet solely to help others as well as enrich their own lives. These are Y-Teens, FCA, Teens-for-Christ and FHA.

Y-Teens is a small organization that deals with the betterment of individuals. Each school group is a branch of the national assembly, but the problem is keeping it active. President Amy Polouse explained, "We started out fairly large, but people lost interest, and we haven't done anything in a long time."

Teens-for-Christ also started off rather well, but the objective of this club had a bit more controversy than others. "It didn't seem like we were trying to let anyone know about Christ in a passive way anymore. It seemed as if the members started forcing Jesus on people," former president Kirk Seace said.

FCA was another Christian organization. Comprised of athletes, their main objective was to enrich

their lives spiritually through fellowship and athletics.

"FCA has been a healthy club all year, plenty of members, plenty of activities, a solid club," Sophomore Todd Gaston said.

FHA is a fork off the road of the homemaking classes. The small organization talks about healthy things like the family and homelife.

Each club has its own dreams that they try to fulfill, but it takes every member to do his part. The main goal was learning how to associate and work with peers and get a small taste of unity. **Story by Chad Rueffer.**

It has helped me in many ways. It is a wonderful organization.
Senior Tanya Tucker



Coach Alice Taylor studies one of her volleyball teams during a practice. Coach Taylor hoped to bring her team out of its losing slump and regain some of the team's con-

fidence. Taylor also shared the task of sponsoring the girl's FCA organization. **Joe Salinas photo.**

NFL, ITS, NTL, Art Club

Expressionists create their own form of art

The National Forensic League, International Thespian Society, Nimita Theatre League and the Art Club helped students gain experience for the future and a chance to grow.

NTL offered students the opportunity for advancement and improvement in the theatre. The club assisted in the production of the plays "Exit the Body", "The Boy Who Stole the Stars" and the children's play "Raggedy Ann and Andy."

"I enjoyed performing "Raggedy Ann and Andy" in front of the third graders in the Irving area," said

Sophomore Danna Oxford who played Raggedy Ann, "because they really got involved with the play."

NFL allowed students to develop communication skills in public speaking and oral interpretation. NFL members competed with area schools in dual acting, humorous interpretation, prose and poetry, reading, extemporaneous speaking and debate.

"I decided to join NFL to learn how to stand up in front of an audience without feeling foolish and I have," said Junior Kim Coward.

Unlike NFL, ITS tested the skills of speakers as well as actors.

The Art Club helped expose students to fine arts. Members participated in field trips to museums, side walk art shows and plays.

"We make an effort to promote the idea that one need not be enrolled in art to take part in activities dealing with art," said sponsor Danny White.

Whether it was on art form, on the stage, or on a canvas club members learned from and enjoyed each. Story by Cindy Tamayo.



I enjoy being in NFL because it helps me relate to other people.
Sophomore
Danna Oxford

As Andy in the children's play "Raggedy Ann and Andy," Freshman Kevin Lawson tells of his adventures. "Raggedy Ann and Andy" was performed for area third graders. The third graders showed their appreciation by laughing and clapping throughout the play. Andrea Mandley photo



During a dramatic moment in "Exit the Body" Senior Kirk Seace attempts to show co-actresses Freshman Jeanne Bush and Sophomore Sonja Piper his true feelings. "Exit the Body" was one of the three plays NTL members performed.



Art club sponsors Becky Housden, Danny White and members Junior Lisa Durham and Freshman Carey Zost listen to Junior Levi Day's suggestion for an end of the year club activity. Chad Windham photo.

NFL and ITS sponsor Gwen Cowen explains the specifics of an assignment to one of her students. Cowen's acting experience has provided her with knowledge to pass on to her students. Stephanie Mashman photo.



NFL: (front row) Bobby Harris, Kim Coward, Karen Sutherland, Dana Oxvord, Tresha O'Connor. (second row) Shane McRoberts, Daniel Burzynski, Joey Castillo, Ernie Cote, Cindy Rodriguez, Elizabeth Joseph, Denise Garcia, Dena Parsons, Michelle Outlaw, Jason Holcombe. (back row) Kevin Lawson, Mike Compotaro, Gwen Cowen, Brooke Sumrall, Wade Raper, Gerry Vidaurri, Mike Selheim, Erine Stracener, James Brinkley.



ITS: (front row) Kim Coward, Karen Sutherland, Dana Oxford. (second row) Elizabeth Joseph, Cindy Rodriguez, Ernie Cote, Mike Selheim, Jason Holcombe. (third row) Mary Joseph, Tresha O'Connor, James Brinkley, Joey Castilla. (back row) Shonda Pryor, Wade Raper, Gwen Cowen.



NTL: (front row) Donna Sherrit, Kirk Seace, Dana Oxford, Jennifer Whitten. (back row) Sharon Litland, Mike Toronto, Gerry Vidaurri, Chris Linden, Michelle Outlaw.



Art Club: (front row) Tamara Read, Jim Davis, Levi Day. (back row) Angie Lovell, Kirk Seace, Danny White, Victor Eugenio, Matt Cartwright, Lisa Dunham, Kevin Dupree, Karen Gammon.

Filling his cheeks full of air, Senior Steve Mason plays the tunes for the entertainment at halftime. Performing at games and pep rallies was said to be the highlight to being on the band. Kevin Carr photo.



Marching Band: Giji Abraham, Kevin Alexander, Sammy Allen, Richard Alsip, Nikki Anderson, Isreal Aviles, Gary Bartunek, Sam Bassett, Nathan Batto, Rachel Batto, Boomer Bean, Kenneth Beavers, Angie Benavides, Tony Benitez, Emily Benson, David Betzold, Joanna Booth, Chris Bryan, Chris Bryson, Cedric Buard, Stephanie Burgess, Angela Camera, Ray Carmack, Greg Charlton, Jeff Charlton, Jason Coan, Tim Collier, Christy Collins, Mitch Conner, Chris Conyers, Dustin Davis, Tina De Los Santos, Deanna Devine, Dawn Doell, David Duggan, Troy Dunn, Helen Ellis, Kari Ervin, George Esquivel, Preston Faulkner, Haether Garrison, Tiger Golden, Suzy Graves, Jill Grice, Sonda Gutkowski, Eric Haberkamp, Mary Harris, Andy Hart, Julie Hodges, Mike Kientz, Patricia Hulen, Scott Hunt, Kim Johnson, Scott Junell, Daniel Kirby, David Klutz, Amy DeLagarza, Pam Adams, Joyce Brian, Christy Landrum, Steven Lee, Jimmy Lejeunes, Brent Lovelady, Brian Lovelady, Richard Mares, Lisa Martin, Steve Mason, Jeff McCully, Jennifer McFarland, Jolene McKeown, Cathy McKinney, Cindy Mee, Scott Mills, Angela Minyard, Steve Mordecai, Micky Moss, Connie Mullen, Karen Murphy, Kristi Murphy, Marci Narcis, Kristin Osburn, Dena Parsons, Teresa Parsons, Chris Pierce, Trina Pigg, Brandon Power, Lisa Raines, Randie Riley, Cindy Roseberry, Kim Ryan, Christine Sandoval, Kevin Smith, Wade Smith, Laurie Stacy, Paul Stambaugh, Traci Taylor, Paul Templin, Johnny Wallace, Donny Williams, Mary Wright, Lori Yarbrough, Lance Yuzbick.



Tuning his saxophone in his band uniform, Senior George Esquivel, prepares for the morning dress rehearsal class. Erikalyn Ellis photo.



While waiting for her cue, Senior Lari Yarbrough waits to start practice with the rest of the band class. Band members had a class period and practice before school which helped the band in performances. Erikalyn Ellis photo.



Band

Keeping traditions after changes, rules

With traditional events like morning practice at 7:30 and performances for the school and UIL competition, how was the band going to be able to handle the new no-pass no-play rule without changing the band?

The band practiced every morning to prepare for their performances. Was it really as easy as it looked? It was not just a matter of blowing air into some form of a metal pipe. It was long hours of hard work.

"We practiced every morning, the same music over and over again until we all got it right and together," said band member Tresea Sims.

Band did not perform for the student body alone. They also performed in front of judges for UIL competition, as musicians from schools all around tried to win a mark of one for their schools. These competitive contests were where the hard work paid off.

To most band members it was harder to concentrate on music with the no-pass no-play rule for the extracurricular activities.

"To these students in band, this class is just not some curricular activity. It's a part of their learning," said band instructor Jim McGahee.

With the problems the band faced, it was a pleasant surprise that with few members, the past successes remained traditional. Story by Shannan Long.

We practice every morning at 7:30, the same music over and over until we all get it right.
Freshman
Teresa Sims



Staying right in step, Senior Natilie Chaves plays the clarinet at the homecoming parade. Steve Mashman photo.

Preparing for their performance at an afternoon football game Sophomores Paul Stambaugh and Nathan Batto practice at dress rehearsal. Erikalyn Ellis photo.

ROTC

Cadets push forward with ability and pride

The members of ROTC were people with the courage to be different, the will to do something with their lives and the discipline to stick with it. All ROTC members had a deep love for their country.

"Nimitz is full of people who love this country, but there are some who forget too often or just don't care," Senior Lieutenant Commander Chris Emmerson said. Emmerson was in charge of all cadets.

The only people above Emmerson were the instructors Claude Hanson and Manuel Barrientos, who pushed the cadets to do the best of their abilities. They were very helpful to the cadets by giving them good training for the service.

"Our instructors treated everyone with respect. They never yell at us," Senior cadet Howard Wilkerson said.

The one thing that ROTC members tried very hard to achieve was the respect of others.

"I ignore people when they make fun of me. They don't understand the common courtesy and respect for fellow man," Wilkerson said.

ROTC was not what most people made it to be. It was just a group a few students with the honor to do something different for themselves and their country. **Story by David Mitchell.**



"ROTC enables me to help within the community and give adults the respect they deserve to have." Senior Howard Wilkerson.

ROTC Commander Chief Barrientos leads the ROTC cadets in overall training and has gained their respect through his respect towards them. **Steve Mashman photo.**



ROTC third platoon marches through the early morning homecoming parade. Not only was the ROTC extremely involved with the homecoming parade, but they also rang the victory bell after each Viking touchdown made during the football season. **Steve Mashman photo.**

By drilling every morning on gun handling techniques ROTC cadets learned to have more self-discipline. Cadets Mike Reasor and Chris Rose maintain a serious attitude through their drilling. **Steve Mashman photo.**





After receiving the new Sesquicentennial flag donated by the APTA, the ROTC cadets raise it up the flag pole along with the state flag and the United States flag. Stephanie Mashman photo.



ROTC Members: (front row) Vicki Perna, Roxanne Richardson, Jane Phillips, Dennise Richardson, Tonya Davis, Anisa Kadre, Missy Penrod. (second row) Kim Mattoon, Shane Roberts, Albert Acosta, David Whennen, Billy Davis, Kelly Brown, Raymond Cartwright, Adrian Conway. (third row) Shawn Halton, Mike Reeser, D. C. Lepper, Jacques Brookes, Bryan Rivers, Richard Shoven, Howard Wilkerson.



ROTC Members: (front row) Andy Romanyshyn, Glenn Austin, Christopher Rose, Chris Whitt, Vincent Marzi, Robbie Taylor, Joe Luna. (second row) Marty Laurence, Don Austin, Bobby Lindamood, Patrick McDonald, Benjamin Charles, Michael Beard, Raymond Cartwright. (third row) Craig Bailey, Scott Haltom, Earnest Stracener, Kristina McDaniel.



ROTC cadets Shawn Haltom, Patrick McDonald and Kelly Brown prepare for their inspection. ROTC members had to wear their complete uniforms along with shined shoes and medals several times a year for their inspection days. Being decked out in their uniforms made them feel very individualistic and prepared them for the Navy way of life. Stephanie Mashman photo.

As students cheer them on, Vikas Julie Burtom and Janet Eskew rock and bop with Principal Arlen Cray. The enthusiasm spread to the crowd as they all started bopping following the lead of Cray. Steve Mashman photo.



Junior Varsity Cheerleaders: (bottom row) Susan Waggoner, D. D. Dragoo, Lara Trahan, Tamera McPeters, Dana Pyfer. (top row) Connie Glennon, Shanda Dobiyski, Wendy Sendyrik.



Varsity Cheerleaders: (front row) Michelle Defreese, Carrie Burton, Sharon Yeakley. (second row) Joey Uzzel, Becky Ryman, Sherry Ransome, Kelli Applegate. (third row) Jamie Lawrence, Del Howard, Leslie Egbert.



Nimitz Vikas: (front row) Bertha Villareal, Christy Capart, Tabatha Moore, Patti Reich, Rhonda Bush, Dorinda Weaver, Paige Filbeck, Bridget Dozier, Sheryl James, Brooke Sumeral, Jennifer Garrison, Dennise Craik, Katheryn McVay, Melissa Power. (second row) Maria Valenzuela, Laurie McVay, Linda Rounsaville, Carol Jones, Tammy Green, Cindy Combs, Tracey Beard, Becky Bush, Kelly Durham, Shannon Zimlich, Julie Burton, Tanya Scott, Paula McRay, Kerry Street, Shannon Ingram, Lisa Robertson, Becky Murray, Laura Johnson, Stephanie Mashman. (third row) Kelly Shackelford, Lisa Cox, Leanne Pierson, Wendy McAdoo, Stacy Smythe, Julie Thompson, Tamra Wilson, Janet Eskew, Lauren Weaver, Dana Reynolds.



Decked out in poodle skirts, Junior Vikas Becky Miller and Lori McVay snap their fingers to "Rock Around the Clock" as they step into their routine at the 50's pep rally. Steve Mashman photo.

Tamera McPeters, Becky Ryman, Lara Trahan and Connie Glennon demonstrate their Jane Fonda abilities while keeping in shape for the next cheerleading performance. Chad Windham photo.



Cheerleaders, Vikas

Daily workouts make performances spectacular

“Watch those kicks!”, “Keep those arms stiff!”, “Push it, girls!” was often heard from drill team sponsor Pat Austin and cheerleading sponsor Marla Gallemore.

“People just don’t realize the time it takes to be part of the drill team,” Austin said.

Drill team members work from 6:30-10:30 every morning through August and stay until 5:30 every day during football season, learning and perfecting routines.

“It’s worth every minute of time spent working,” said Junior Dana Reynolds, Vika.

Cheerleaders start their sixth period class with a 20 minute aerobic workout. Then they go over each movement and evaluate each other to perfect their cheers. By the end of class cheers are made to look easy but take much skill and time to learn.

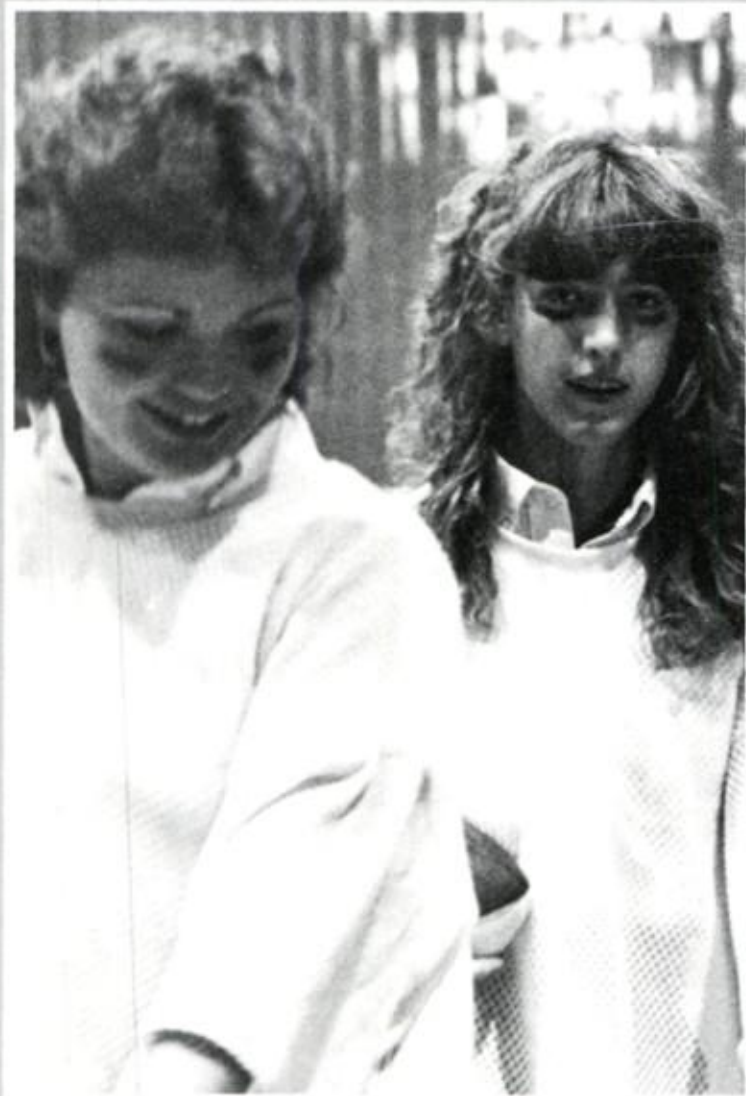
“Being a cheerleader is not easy.

It takes a great amount of time that usually goes unrecognized,” Gallemore said.

The cheerleaders were at every home volleyball game, every football game, every district basketball game including weekend tournaments.

“The hardest thing being a cheerleader is striving always to do my best,” said Sophomore D. D. Dragoo, J.V. Cheerleader. **Story by Dana Pyfer.**

Leading school spirit is not as easy as we make it look. Big Vic, Senior Mark Coffman.



Senior Stacy Smithe and Leanne Peirson do a dance routine dressed as football players. The drill team wore net jerseys, carried nerf footballs, and blacked their eyes in traditional football styles to spark the Nimitz football spirit. **Steve Mashman photo.**

Varsity cheerleaders along with Big Vic sing Nimitz Fight Song after the MacArthur pep rally. The fight song is the traditional close for every pep rally. **Steve Mashman photo.**



A Capella Choir: (front row) Donna Sherritt, Dena Parsons, Jack Windham, Kris McDaniels, Tiffany Reed, Donna Wilson. (second row) Theresa Parsons, Stacie Warren, Kelly Brown, Tony Young, Joey Eaton, Katherine McVay, Kim Philips, Stephanie Montgomery, Ivette Evilles. (third row) Missie Milhollen, Brooke Sumrall, Steve Walter, David Adams, Jennifer Polis, Shanna Johnson, Karen Sutherland, Lisa Philpott. (fourth row) Dennise Reid, Nancy Barbosa, Julie Thompson, Del Howard, Clint Henson, Jerry Gunn, Kelly Barker, Naida Wilson, Shannon Warren, Mia Moon, Brenda Hatridge.



Choralairs: (front row) Payge Smith, Tonya Davis, Molly Bui, Rachel Scott. (second row) Sonja McGarity, Dody Radford, Frances Cantu, Marie Hollwedel. (third row) Michelle Jenkins, Jane Phillips, Anisha Wilkins, Angela Leal.



Orchestra: (front row) Amy Polis, Shanna Warren, Jennifer Johnson, Sheryl Welch. (second row) Stephanie Wilson, Julie York, Christy Harris, Jody Marbut, Stacy Warren, Belinda Mann, Jerry Roe. (third row) Mary Mouser, Denise Garcia, Del Howard, April Babcock, Marvin Reynolds, Monica Grigsby, Alicia Reed, Sabrina Toress. (fourth row) Daniel Nix, Rodney Byers, Hime Canals, Kyle Allred, Tray Morris, Travis Hall, Chris Windham.



Nimitz Singers: (front row) Naida Wilson, Nancy Barbosa, Donna Sherritt, Karen Sutherland, Lisa Philpott, Ivette Evilles. (second row) Del Howard, Brooke Sumrall, Tony Young, Kelly Barker, Jerry Gunn, Clint Henson.

Bass and cello section members Chris Windham, Todd Janice, Leo Hernandez, Marvin Reynolds, Glenn Magee and Kyle Allred perform a classical piece during the Christmas concert. At the end of the concert both the choir and orchestra performed the "Hallelujah Chorus" as the audience stood and watched. **Candy Smilie photo.**



Choir members Del Howard, Steve Walter, Tony Young, Joey Eaton, Mike Scare, Kelly Brown and Kelly Barker practice "Texas Our Texas" which was performed with Bowie and Lamar Junior High Schools for the Texas Sesquicentennial celebration. **Joe Salinas photo.**



Orchestra, A Cappella Choir, Nimitz Singers, Choralairs

Musicians plan goals reaching for Canada

Choir and orchestra set some major goals this year with the biggest being the trip to Vancouver, Canada.

From day one, led by new director Joe Arnett, the choir was a booming business which helped not only the choir prosper but the orchestra, too. The orchestra, under the direction of Jerry Roe, held many concerts, some with choir, and held many fundraisers to help them on the trip.

"Mr. Arnett conducts the orchestra for us when Mr. Roe is not here. They both work well together during the performances. They are also both working very hard on the trips," said Senior choir and orchestra member Daniel Nix.

Senior choir member Brooke Sumrall thinks Arnett has done the best job out of all the choir directors she has had. "He's a big teddy bear," she said. "Once you warm up to him he will bend over backwards for you."

The choir, orchestra and pop group plan the trip to Vancouver and had a race to see who could raise \$20,000 first so they could go

free.

"I think that other than Arnett's drive and determination in his directing, he also goes out of his way to make the trip go through," Sumrall said.

So after many years of the frequent appearances of new choir directors, the program finally had ambition and confidence which was needed for a winning tradition.

"My main concern is for the students in seeing that they develop their musical talents to the highest level of performance," Arnett said. Story by David Mitchell.

The choir program helps me prepare for my future in the music business.
Freshman
Dennise Reid



Joe Arnett, Nimitz's new choir director, conducts the A Cappella Choir every day. He also conducts the Girls Choir, Nimitz Singers, students at Lamar Junior High School, and he teaches a music theory class for students wanting to learn more about music. Joe Salinas photo.

Nimitz Singers members Brooke Sumrall, Dale Howard, Karen Sutherland, Ivette Evilles, Tony Young, Lisa Philpot and David Mitchell perform one of their jazz numbers at a fall concert. The Nimitz singers concerts also helped in raising money for the trip. Joe Salinas photo.

Student Publications

Scribing ever onward to chronicle the year

If ideas were visible and if hard work could linger in the air, the janitors would have a difficult time cleaning the two publication rooms at the end of the year.

There are three parts to the entire publications staff. Newspaper staffers, yearbook staffers and the photographers all work constantly throughout the year to turn out the headlining events concerning Nimitz. The work they accomplished exceeded the allotted hours in a school day, so they spent many an evening working at Nimitz.

"There are many details to attend to. It's not just writing a story and picking pictures. It is a bit discouraging having to spend all the extra time on details that no one notices simply because they are not in publications," Senior Melinda Jones said.

The hardest part of publications was meeting deadlines with complete pages and good photographs. Stories were often hard to create because dealing with the students was difficult. "The school newspaper should be all about people exercising their right to express themselves on any subject. Their resistance to speak openly leads to many dull and dreary stories," said Junior co-editor Belinda Mann.

The whole publication epic boils down to hours of hard work and dedication. Whether it was capturing faces and feeling through a camera lens or capturing the same thing on paper, it captured nine months of remembrance. **Story by Chad Reuffer.**

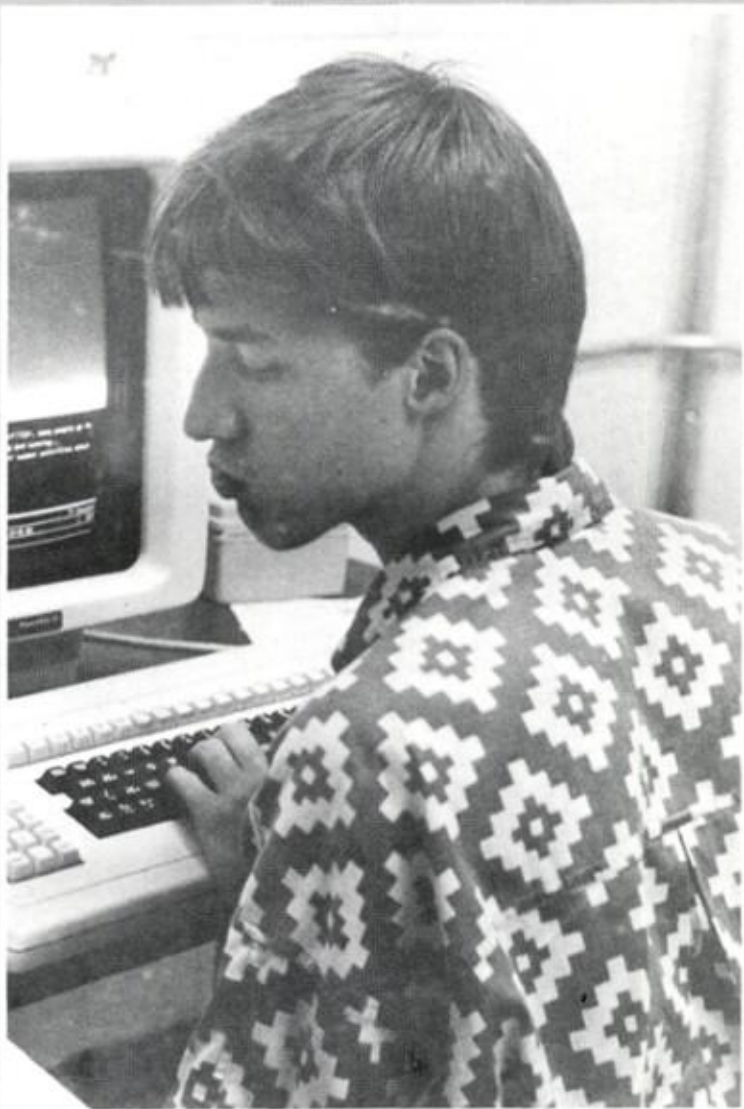


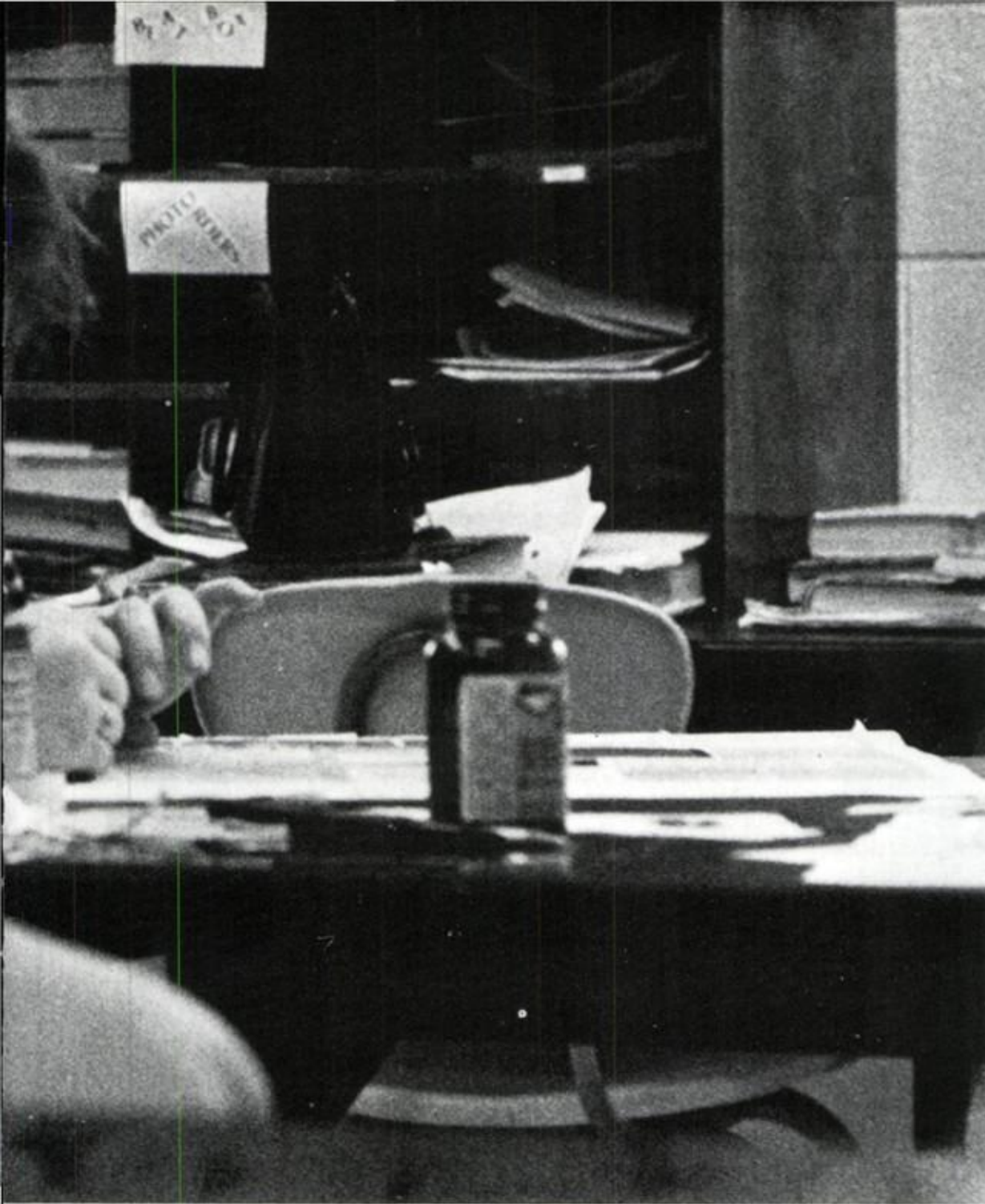
Journalism gave me the experience of publishing four yearbooks and working with many unique people.
Senior Melinda Jones



Publications adviser Carrie Skeen explains to Sophomore photographer John Mowry his weekly assignments for both the newspaper and yearbook. Much of the time spent by the staffers went towards producing work they could be proud of. **Steve Mashman photo.**

Newspaper co-editor Drew Erben takes a second to think of a clever headline before he types it into the journalism department's new computer typesetter. The system arrived in December for newspaper use and was learned by both editors. **Carrie Skeen photo.**





Producing a monthly newspaper, *Sword and Shield* co-editor Belinda Mann cuts and pastes copy so that the pages can be sent in for publication. Mann spent long hours, day and night, working on the newspaper while she also placed in district UIL competition. **Carrie Skeen photo.**



Quill and Scroll: (front row) Drew Erben, Melinda Jones, Ernie Cote, Natalie Limberg. (second row) Lisa Robertson, Wendy Furguson, Cindy Tamayo.



Sword and Shield: (front row) Belinda Mann, Sharon Price, Drew Erben. (second row) Lisa Robertson, James Mining.



Valhalla: (front row) Candy Smilie, Wendy Furguson, Melinda Jones, Dana Pyfer. (second row) Marnie Harrison, Steve Mashman, Chad Windham, Cindy Tamayo, Ernie Cote, Natalie Limberg, Shannon Woodson, Stephanie Mashman.



Photo Staff: (front row) Steve Mashman, Joe Salinas. (second row) Candy Smilie, John Mowry.

Yearbook editors Cindy Tamayo and Natalie Limberg work hard to find the picture they want. Both seniors found producing a quality yearbook more difficult than they expected with school activities, staff problems and personal demands providing constant conflicts. **Chad Rueffer photo.**



HECE, PELE, Cosmetology

Hands-on experience prepares for future

Getting a jump on a career is not easy when still in high school, but through courses like HECE, PELE and cosmetology, students are offered opportunities for jobs and career advancement.

Students who loved to work with children often elected to take HECE, Home Economics Co-operative Education and PELE, Pre-Employment Laboratory Education taught by Mrs. Barbara Copeland.

During second and third periods, some students went to day-care

centers and others to elementary schools.

"I love teaching these kids. I am very proud of all my students. I just wish I had more men in my class," Copeland said.

Another exciting field for students was cosmetology taught at Irving Beauty Academy. The course was spread out into a two year program.

In the classroom the students learned about laboratory experiences in shampooing, cutting, curling and coloring hair, permanent wave, manicuring, facial treatments, and make-up techniques.

When their education is complete, they take the licensing exam. If passed they were legally able to be employed by a personal care shop.

HECE, PELE, and Cosmetology were just some of the many courses that offered students a chance to have experience and a jump towards their careers. **Story by Shannan Long.**



I love teaching these kids. I'm very proud of all my girls. I just wish I had some men in my class.
— Barbara Copeland

After long hours of classroom demonstrations Senior Bobbie McElhany talks Senior Tracey Hunt into lending her time and hair for a new style. **Steve Mashman photo.**





Playing with dolls, Senior Melissa Ritter uses the rolling techniques for a permanent wave in her cosmetology class for another practice run before the real thing. Steve Mashman photo.



PELE: (front row) Sheila Kazee. (second row) Melissa Capell, Julie Burton, Dorie Braddy, Andrea Mandley, Melissa Renrod. (third row) Jill Reed, Zunell Stanford, Tiffany Sample, Lourdes Rodriguez, Cindy Combs, Andrea Murphy. (fourth row) Helen Ellis, Cindy Young, Lynn Woffenden, Sheryl James, Shawn Reibley.



Cosmetology: Rachel Aguirre, Bridgette Allen, Deborah Clements, Tamatha Combs, Valenia Dupree, Jason Fincher, Angelita Gamez, Irma Gonzalez, Sheryl Hill, Brenda Hinojosa, Tracey Hunt, Deanna Martin, Bobbie McGuffin, Sandy McElhaney, Irene Olage, Patti Patterson, Milissa Ritter, Diana Robison, Christine Simmons, Alice Stanley, Kristen Ward.



Giving a look of knowing it all, Melissa age 4, in preschool at Kirkwood pays attention to Junior Melissa Capell as she teaches basic skills with plastic setups during their special class time. Kevin Carr photo.

Checking over the work of the students Junior Dorie Braddy explains to John Driy age 6, in kindergarten, about the talented art work and meaning behind all the coloring on paper. Kevin Carr photo.



After wetting the hair, Senior Tamatha Combs, prepares to cut by combing and separating the hair into sections according to the hair style. Steve Mashman photo.

President of VOCT club, Diana Gomez looks for the price of a customer's prescription. Gomez said, "Working at Page Drug is fun and gives me extra spending money." Stephanie Mashman photo.



VOCT: (front row) Susan Love, Dana Robinson, Richard Orapeza, Joyce Brians, Lucy Velez. (second row) Rosemary Evans, Stacy Wilson, Debbie Dusenbury, Mickey Escalante, Fronz Dennis, Diana Gomez, Becky Northrup. (third row) Lisa Howard, Nancy Patterson, Robbin Tubbs, Ceserio Cantu, Craig Crum, Aaron Rogers, Dwayne Hefner.



VOCCT: (front row) Kim Kellogg, Carloyn Parsons, Holly Whitmire, Stacy Combs, Shere Davis, Linda Whitmire, Michelle Hall. (second row) Antwoine DeGrate, Cara Rutledge, Jodie Todd, Tanya Penry, Tanya Crittenden, Lisa Evans, Tina Olive, Shannon Lourim. (third row) Thomas Hilton, Kelly Mamoth, Sandy Ramos, Shannon Osbourn, Christy Sullivan, Susan Carlton.



FRONZ (SAD)

We sold notebooks and calendars to raise money for everyone to eat at Baby Doe's after contest. — VOCCT President Tanya Penry.



Sophomore Fronz Dennis gets help on his homework assignment from his VOCT teacher, Rosemary Evans. Dennis says that the class is pretty easy and that Evans explains things well. Kevin Carr photo.

Freshmen Cara Rutledge, Raquel Coronado and Shannon Osbourn travel on a trailer in the homecoming parade. By supporting the theme "Throughout the years," these VOCCT members emphasized their spirit for NHS. Steve Mashman photo.





VOCT, VOCCT

A chance to be part of the 'working class'

The VOCT and VOCCT clubs provide opportunities for students to develop leadership abilities and citizenship in the business world.

All students in VOCT had to be at least 16 years old and enrolled in CVAE Co-Op class. This class allowed the students to work half a day while going to school the other half. CVAE taught students the basic understanding of careers, while the VOCT and VOCCT clubs gave the students a chance to take part in the business world.

"There are a lot of great advantages, like leaving school early, meeting new people, and especially, earning three credits," said President of VOCT, Diana Gomez. Gomez, a checker at Page Drug, mentioned that she likes the club a lot, especially her teacher, Mrs. Rosemary Evans. "I feel this class gives them the experience that will help them in future endeavors," Evans said.

Similarly, VOCCT tried to help

students develop leadership, self-confidence, personality and motivation. Some of their activities included, making and selling coloring books for pre-kindergarten students and making the Nimitz directory to sell to the student body. They also had a state skills contest, a banquet, and many other social get-togethers.

"VOCCT helped all its members become productive citizens by the teaching of proper attitudes and building of character," said teacher and sponsor, Carolyn Parsons. **Story by Lynda Kain.**

The class was fun! It gave me a chance to catch up on the credits I needed and it helped me like school better. —
Junior Stacy Wilson



Freshmen Kim Keith and Shannon Lourim mimeograph some papers for a grade. Printing is the main objective in VOCCT. **Kevin Carr photo.**

After finishing their homework, Senior Robbin Tubbs, Richard Burton and Sophomore Susie Love chat about recent gossip while waiting for the bell. **Kevin Carr photo.**

DECA, OEA

Students earn cash as well as grades

Preparing for the future, making money, and getting a grade in class seem unbelievable, but members of OEA and DECA do it every day.

All students in these clubs are enrolled in Distribution Education or Vocational Office Skills classes. Students in work programs go to class four periods and then go to work.

In Office Education Association (OEA) students work in the business atmosphere. Those students also type and put together the Nimitz directory.

Students obtain the experience needed after they graduate for almost any office job believes OEA sponsor Mary Lee Brown.

"After I graduate from high

school, I will continue my job at Xerox and go to college at night to obtain my Associates degree," said Senior Angela Haller, OEA member.

Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) members work at retailing or distributive related jobs.

Senior DECA member Matt Hafer works at Meyers Floors. He said, "My job managing the store is a definite asset to my future in business management and marketing."

These students do more than just work and prepare for the future. These clubs have banquets and get together at the end of the year.

The money they earn doesn't always go to practical uses either. "My money is used for my free time," said DECA member Theresa Caviness.

The students of DECA and OEA benefitted in many ways through these programs. They made extra money while earning experience for future jobs.

Story by Dana Pyfer.



I'm glad I worked and made good money instead of sitting in a classroom doing homework.
OEA president
Tonya Tucker





Answering a telephone call, Senior Tonya Tucker works outside of the school to earn credit in her office education class. Stephanie Mashman photo.

Taking messages for her boss is one of the tasks for Senior Michelle Sutton who works at The Associates office. Stephanie Mashman photo.



OEA: Cammie Dunn, Natalie Burdette, Diane Bates, Bobbie Mercer, Annette Griffin, Tonya Tucker, Libby Winn, Stacey Brazeale, Karen Penson, Valerie Adler, Michelle O'Rand, Tressa Menchaca, Cassie Abel, Kathy Henderson, Angela Hurley, Mitze Combs, Diana Rodriguez, Sponsors Mary Lee Brown, Valorie May.



Xerox offers Senior Angela Haller a place to try out the skills she has learned in her OEA class. Haller works at Xerox during the last two periods of the school day. Her office skills include typing and word processing. Stephanie Mashman photo.





Academic Decathlon: (front row) Rachel Batto, Jenny Suk, Debbie Hendrix, Eric Habercamp, Roxsane Richardson. (second row) Natilie Chaves, Kim Coward, Elizabeth Joseph, Dennise Garcia, Nathan Batto. (third row) Catherine Rogers, Pat Clough, Carol Pier, Barrie Sheffield.



Junior Historians: (front row) Candy Smilie, Tammy Black, Mike Marzi, Jeff Morgan, Donald Martin, Chad Windham, Amber Williams, Chris Windham. (second row) Helen Bradley, Lyle Benton, Tony Young, Debbie Rich, Melody House, Michael Selheim, Dee Barbosa, Dan Harvey, Danielle Taylor, Tiffany Williams, Bobby Hastings, Matt Cartwright. (third row) Brenda Hatridge, Kim Baker, Cindy Curney, Natilie Chaves, Jin Choi, Jeannie Bush, So Ok Kim, Don Killian.



National Honor Society Seniors: (front row) Cindy Tamayo, Heath Daniels, So Young Kim, Debbie Hendrix, Rachel Batto, Connie Kilday. (second row) Tamyra Wilsey, Bridgette Dozier, Kerry Street, Steve Mordecai, Jennifer Garrison, Michael Angelo, Jenny Suk, Becky Craig. (third row) Brent Lovelady, Karen Eckert, Ronnie Perry, Carole Jones, Becky Murray, Elizabeth Joseph, Michael Wolfe. (fourth row) Carol Pier, Natilie Chaves, Teresa Parsons, Brooke Sumerall, Daniel Nix, Jed Commandante, David Kim.



National Honor Society Juniors: (front row) Lisa Robertson, Denise Craik, Eric Habercamp, Dana Reynolds, Bertha Villareal, Kim Brem, Shelly Gruber, Cheryl Welch, April Babcock. (second row) Steve Warner, Sondra Gutkowski, James Bratton, Marcia Narcis, Jill Grice, Trina Pigg, Diane Stringer, Norma Torres, Diane Tubbs, Connie Kilday. (third row) David Duggan, Carol Pier, Rodney Hegwood, Mike Hill, Tony Scott, Danny Ervin, Wendy Ferguson, Heather Heath. (fourth row) Shilpin Patel, Chris Spence, Troy Smith, Paul King, Roxsane Richardson, Donna Sherritt, Debbie Rich, Mary Mouser. (fifth row) John Riley, Victor Eugenio, Clint Gage, Leon James, John Hunt.

Riding on the Junior Historian float during the homecoming parade, Seniors Angie Carty, Tammy Black and Tiffany Williams brave the cold air to join in the activities. Steve Mashman photo.



Junior Historian sponsor Helen Bradley speaks with Freshman Class President Corey Knott about freshman pep rally plans. Bradley not only sponsored the Junior Historians but also the Freshman Class. Chad Windham photo.

Preparing for the Super Quiz at Regionals on March 1-2, Senior Natilie Chaves quizzes Senior Dennise Garcia over different subject areas. Kevin Carr photo.

Seniors Michael Angelo and Kerry Street wear their space masks during the homecoming parade in coordination with the National Honor Society theme, "Voyages in Space." Steve Mashman photo.



Academic Decathlon, Junior Historians, NHS Fun in work makes learning attractive

Who would attend a regular school day and then spend more time studying? A member of the Academic Decathlon or National Honor Society would.

The decathletes studied six subject areas to prepare for regionals in February and state in March.

Like the decathletes, most NHS members spent nights and weekends studying to keep their grade point up. Members were required to keep a current 7.0 grade point.

Members and sponsors alike agreed that NHS received minimal respect from the student body because of misunderstandings.

"NHS is now gaining respect because of an increased amount of activity," sponsor Connie Kilday said.

For example, NHS went skating in November, held a school dance in December and a banquet in February.

"History ... fun and interesting? How could debates and battles be

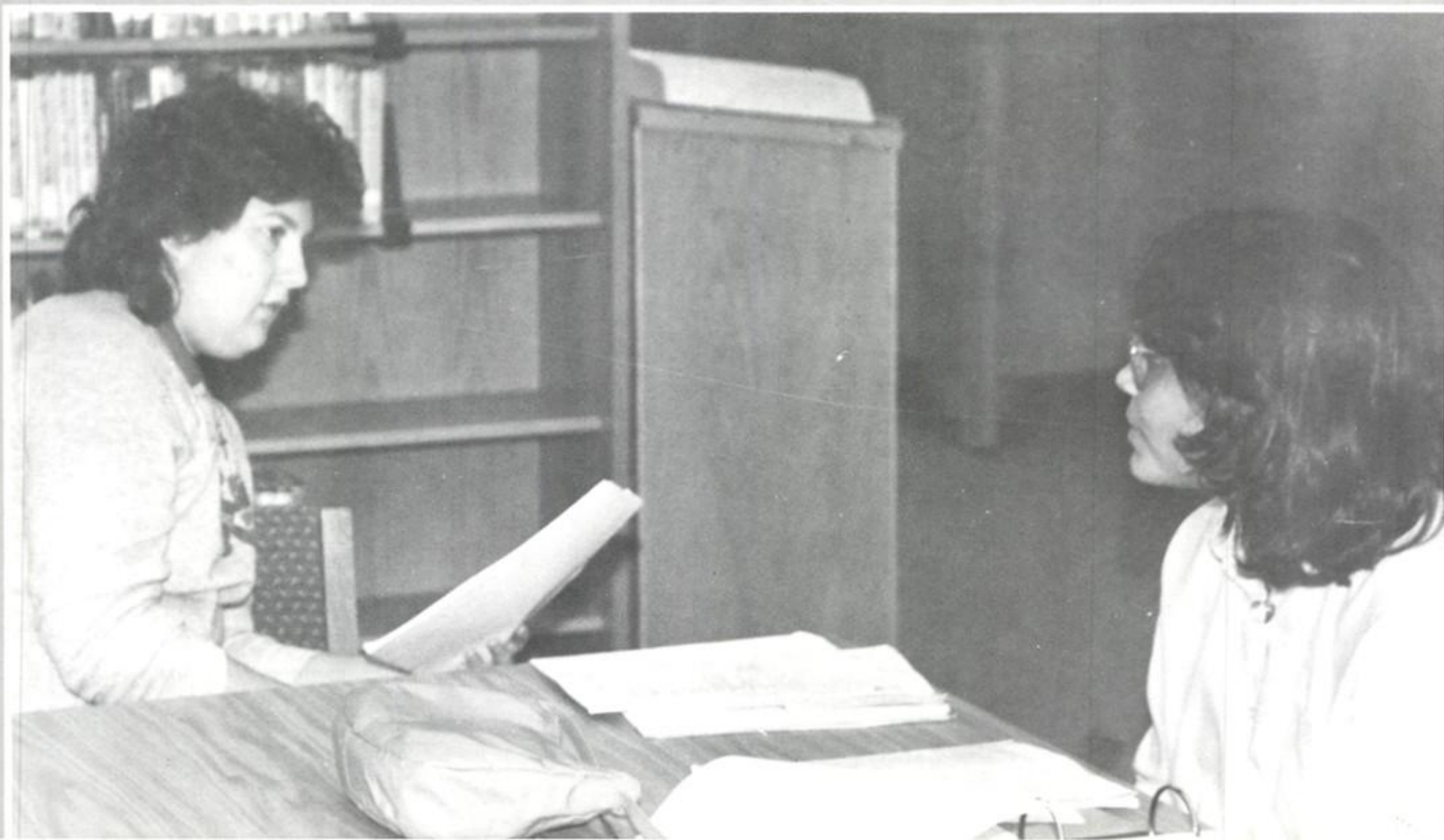
interesting?"

The Junior Historians made history fun and interesting for its members by combining historical trips with enjoyable activities.

Contrary to popular belief, the Junior Historians was not a group exclusively for juniors. The group had about 35 members from different classes.

After sifting through the misconceptions, one can realize that Junior Historians might be the right group; a group to learn and have fun at the same time. **Story by Wendy Furguson**

"Some people think we're totally history-oriented, but not so much that we can't have fun."
Junior Jeff Morgan



SENIOR

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Cassie Abel
VOE 4.

Lee Abshire
TRON; Spanish Club; Computer certificate.

Darby Adams
German Club 3,4 president 4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 4; German Novemberfest, Listening Comprehension, 2nd place 4; Student Council 2,3; Colthar-pian England-in-America 4; Drama Club 2,3; National Honor Society 3; United States National Leadership Award 4; United States Foreign Language Award 4.

Valerie Adler
Mu Alpha Theta secretary 4; VOE Lab president 4; Student Council 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Texas Association of Legal Secretaries scholarship 4; Track 1,2.

Andrew Aguirre
Senior Aid 4.

Tim Alford
Soccer 4; Science Club 4.

Renee Allen
Cosmetology 3,4.

Sammy Allen
National Honor Society 2,3,4; Mu Alpha Theta 2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Latin Club 1; Spanish Club 3; Who's Who Among American High School Students 4; Academic All-American 4.

Van Allen
Basketball 1; Soccer 2,3,4; Student Council 2,3; National Honor Society 1,2.

Kenny Almanza
Golf 1,2,3,4.

Lyn Anderson
Volleyball 1,2; Cosmetology 3,4; Colthar-pian England-in-America 4.

Scott Anderson
French Club 1,2; Latin Club 3,4; Spanish Club 4; Band 1,2.

Christy Andrews
JV Tennis 1; Volleyball manager 1; Spanish Club 1,2; Flag Corps 2,3; Who's Who Among American High School Students 3; HOSA reporter 4.

Michael Angelo
National Honor Society 3,4; District Science Fair, 1st place 4; Who's Who Among American High School

Students 4; Science Club treasurer 4; Mu Alpha Theta 3,4; Spanish Club 2,3,4; Medical Explorers 4; Tennis 4; Vika Stage Show 2; SWAT 4.

Kelli Applegate
Class secretary 1; JV Cheerleader 2; Cheerleader 3,4; Football Sweetheart 4; Outstanding Cheerleader Award 4; Class Favorite 2,3,4; Homecoming Princess 2,3; Homecoming Queen 4; National Honor Society 3,4; Student Council 3,4.

Juan Diego Aviles
SWAT 3.

Ivette Aviles
Choir 1,2,3,4.

B

Barbara Babcox
Valhalla Staff 3,4.

Lee Ann Baker
Basketball 1,2; Track 1,2,3,4 Letter 2,3,4 captain 4; Student Council 2,4; German Club 3,4 vice president 4; Colthar-pian England-in-America 4; FCA 4; SWAT 3.

Gilbert Banda
National Honor Society 2; Football 1; Auto Mechanics 3,4; Colthar-pian England-in-America 4; Architecture I Rosetta Ribbon recipient 2; VICA 3,4.

Priscilla Barber
Volleyball 1,2,3,4 All-District Honorable Mention 4; FCA 1,2,3,4 treasurer 4; SWAT 3,4; FHA 1; Choir 1.

Dee Barbosa
Junior Historians 4; Volleyball 2,3; Gymnastics manager 3.

Gary Bartunek
Mu Alpha Theta 2,3,4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 4; Junior Classical League 2,3; National Merit Finalist 4; Band 1,2,3,4 vice president.

Rachel Batto
National Honor Society 2,3,4 secretary 3, treasurer 4; Mu Alpha Theta 2,3,4; Academic Decathlon 4; Band 1,2,3,4; National Merit Scholar 4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 4; Outstanding American Students 4; United States Achievement Academy Yearbook 4.

Tony Benitez
Band 1,2,3,4 drum major 2,4; All-Region Band 1,2,3,4; All-Region Orchestra 3,4; State

Solo 1,2,4; State Ensemble 3,4; TRON 3,4.

Tina Bennett
Track 1,2,3; Cross Country 2,3; French Club 1,2; JV Football trainer 3; Student Council 4; SWAT 4.

Tonya Benshoof
Spanish Club 1,2; Art Club 3,4; Band 1.

James Bevers
Football 2,3,4; Drama 1; Band 1,2; Colthar-pian England-in-America 4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 3,4; Latin Club 3.

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Junior Historians 3,4 vice president 3; Science Club secretary 4; Mu Alpha Theta 4; Cross Country 3,4; Soccer 3; Teens for Christ 4; Student Council 1,4.

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Volleyball 1; Vikas 2,3; DECA 4.

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Swim Team 1,2; HOCE treasurer 4; Mu Alpha Theta 4; Latin Club 3,4; Colthar-pian England-in-America 4.

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Football 1; Drama 1; Speech 1,2; Wrestling 3,4.

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Cosmetology 3,4; VICA 3,4 secretary 3; Student Council 1,2; Junior Achievement 3,4; Gymnastics 1; French Club 2.

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Class president 2,3; Student Council 2; Latin Club 1,2; Mu Alpha Theta 2,3,4; Trainer 1,2,3,4; Class Favorite 2.

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Football 1; Baseball 1; Mu Alpha Theta 3,4; National Honor Society 3,4; Nimitz Theatre League 1,2; Who's Who Among American High School Students 4.

Stacey Brazeale
Latin Club 1,2; Who's Who Among American High School Students 3,4; Soccer manager 2; Soccer 1; OEA 4.

James Brinkley
Nimitz Theatre League 1; National Forensic League 2,3,4; Speech Club 2,3,4; Teens for Christ 3,4; Spanish Club 3; Mu Alpha Theta 3,4; Texas Baptist Youth Speakers Tournament, 1st place 3; Houston Baptist University scholarship 3; Wayland Baptist University scholarship 3.

Darby Adams Darby,



You've come a long way, and your parents are so very proud of You!!
Our love,
Mom and Dad

Barbara Babcox

Congratulations Baby Rah Rah!

We thought the day would never come.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Jeff & Greg Burkhardt

Congratulations to two wonderful sons and brothers. May your futures be filled with much joy and success.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Jon, Chris and (Otis Brown)

Teresa Caviness

Teresa,

Congratulations on your graduation.
We love you
Mom and Dad

Helen Ellis

Dearest Helen,

Congratulations! May your hopes and dreams of yesterday be yours today and always.

Love,
Mother

Janet Eskew

You are a great joy and much happiness to us. Congratulations, our love and God's love always.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Diana, Randy and Goldie

Paige Filbeck

Best wishes to our very special daughter and sister.
We are so proud of you!

Our love and support always,
Mom, Dad, Jim and Jared

Keith Mathies

Congratulations!
We are proud of you.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Michelle Miller

We wish you the happiness and joy in your life that you have given to ours.

We love you,
Mom and Dad

Becky Murray

Congratulations!
We have always been proud of you.
Love,
Dad and Carol

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Orchestra 1,2,3,4; Chess Club 1,2 1st rank 1,2 vice president 2; TRON 2,3,4; Science Club 4.

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VOE 4; Choir 1,2,3; Pop Group piano accompanist 4; Soccer 1; Choir piano accompanist 1,2,3.

Kirk Burgess
Football captain 4, All-District 3,4, Most Valuable Player 4; Art Club 4; PTA Cultural Arts Contest, 3rd place 4, 2nd place 4.

Greg Burkhardt
Football 1,2 trainer 3,4.

Dianna Burris
Cosmetology 3,4.

Tim Burson
Coltharpian England-in-America 4; Woodshop Division 5 Medallion 3.

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Vikas 1,2,3,4 lieutenant 3, captain 4; German Club 2; Student Council 3,4; Choir 1,2; PELE vice president 4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 4; Volleyball 1; Coltharpian England-in-America 4.

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Vikas 2,3,4 Most Improved 4; Mu Alpha Theta 4; TRON 3,4; Student Council 1,4; Volleyball 1.

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Soccer 1,2,3,4; Golf 2.

Christie Capehart
Vikas 2,3,4 Spirit Leader 4; Latin Club 3,4 Sweetheart 4; Junior Classical League 3,4; Journalism 1.

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National Honor Society 2,3,4; Mu Alpha Theta 2,3,4; Latin Club 1,2; Band 1,2,3; State Solo and Ensemble 2; UIL District Science, Biology, 1st place 4; Junior Engineering Technical Society, Biology, 2nd place 3,4; Texas Bluebonnet Girls State 3; Latin Cum Laude Award 2; NTSU Department of History Contest 1.

Clinton Carter
Senior Aid 4; Soccer 3,4; Pop Group 4.

Angelia Carty
Mu Alpha Theta 3,4; Junior Historians 4; Vikas 1,2,3; Student Council 1,2,3; SWAT 4; TRON 3,4.

Catherine Castillo
OEA vice president 3; Coltharpian England-in-America 4; Student Council 1,2.

Teresa Caviness
DECA 4; Mu Alpha Theta 4; German Club 3,4; Tennis 1,2; Coltharpian England-in-America 4.

Jose Chavez
VOCT 3; ICT 4; Perfect Attendance 2,3,4; ICT Student of the Year 4.

Natlie Chavez
National Honor Society 2,3,4; Mu Alpha Theta 2,3,4; Academic Decathlon 3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Junior Classical League 3; Junior Historians 4; *Sword and Shield* 2; Quill and Scroll 2; National Hispanic Scholar Semifinalist 4.

Jeff Charlton
Band 1,2,3,4; National Honor Society 2,3,4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 3,4; Mu Alpha Theta 2,3,4; TRON 3,4; Science Club 4.

Brenda Chewing
Coltharpian England-in-America 4; Volleyball 1,2; Track 1; DECA 3,4 vice president.

Mark Coffman
Mascot; Most Energetic Award; *Dallas Times Herald* Student Improvement Award; Student of the Month 3; Woodshop Project, 1st place 3.

Susan Coffman
Vikas 2; DECA 4; Student Improvement Program 4.

Robby Collvins
Paint and Body.

Jed Commandante
National Honor Society 2,3,4; Mu Alpha Theta 4; Latin Club 3,4 vice president 4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 4; Science Club 4; Soccer 1,2; Tennis 4; Senior Play 4.

Mitze Combs
Coltharpian England-in-America 4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 3,4; French Club 2; National Forensic League 2; SWAT 4; Honor Roll 3; VOE 4; OEA 4.

Tamatha Combs
Cosmetology 3,4; VICA 3,4; Coltharpian England-in-America 4.

Tammy Cordell
Soccer 1; Drama 1,2; Tourna-

ment Speaking 2,3; Coltharpian England-in-America 4; Children's Show 2; Spanish Club 3; TRON 3; DECA 4.

Chris Coronado
Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2; Coltharpian England-in-America 4.

Steve Cox
Football 1; Junior Historians 4.

Rebecca Craig
National Honor Society 2,3,4; Mu Alpha Theta 2,3,4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 4.

Craig Crum
CVAE Co-op 4; Student of the Year 1,2,3,4; AC/Refrigeration 3.

D

Don Danford
Football 3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; German Club 2,3; Track 4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 3,4; Academic All-American 4.

Heath Daniels
National Honor Society 2,3,4 president 3,4; Ranked First in Class 1,2,3,4; AP History Contest, 2nd place 3; UIL District Ready Writing, 1st place 4; Student Council 2,3,4; Notre Dame Club Junior of the Year finalist 3; Mu Alpha Theta 2,3,4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 4; Valedictorian 4; TRON 2,3,4.

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National Honor Society; Mu Alpha Theta; Latin Club president; SWAT; Science Club; President Reagan's International Youth Year Award 1985 4; International Soroptimist Award; Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout.

Deanna Devine
Who's Who Among American High School Students 4; Academic Decathlon 4; Mu Alpha Theta 2,3,4; German Club 2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; United States Leadership Award 4; Junior Historians 1.

Rudy Diaz
Football 1,2,3,4.

Jennifer Dorweiler
Cosmetology 3; DECA 4; Coltharpian England-in-America 4.

Bridgette Dozier
Vikas 2,3,4 captain 4; National Honor Society 2,3,4; Mu Alpha Theta 2,3,4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 3,4.

SENIOR

Cammie Dunn
Speech 2; VOE Co-op 4; Most
Congenial, Speech Award 2.

Kelly Durham
Vikas 1,2,3,4 captain 4.

E

Craig Easley
Who's Who Among American
High School Students 4.

Katie Echols
Vikas 1,2,3; Student Council
2,3 treasurer 4; National Honor
Society 2,3,4; Tennis 1; French
Club 2,3; UIL Regional Feature
Writing, 1st place 1.

Karen Eckert
National Honor Society 2,3,4;
Mu Alpha Theta 4; Spanish
Club 1; Who's Who Among
American High School
Students 3,4; TAFE 3,4 presi-
dent 4; Class secretary 3;
Academic All-American 4;
United States National Leader-
ship and Business Merit
Awards 4; Group W Cable
Youth Leadership finalist 4.

Leslie Egbert
JV Cheerleader 2; Cheerleader
3,4; Student Council 1; Track
1,2.

Maria Elizondo
Class vice president 1; Student
Council 1; SWAT 3,4; DECA
3,4 president 4, Regional
finalist, General Marketing 4,
National Competition 4; Class
Favorite 1; Homecoming
Princess 1,4.

Helen Ellis
Band 1,2,3,4 squad leader 3,4,
librarian 4; State Solo and
Ensemble 3; Regional alter-
nate, piccolo 2,3; TAFE
secretary 4.

Janet Eskew
Vikas 1,2,3,4 lieutenant 3, cap-
tain 4, Officer of the Year 4;
Student Council 3,4; Sonshine
Club 1,2; Coltharpian England-
in-America 4; Showstoppers
All-Star team 4.

George Esquivel
Band 1,2,3,4; Student Council
1,2,3,4; Mu Alpha Theta 2; Na-
tional Forensic League 1;
Senior Aid 4; State Solo and
Ensemble, 1st place 1,2,3,4; In-
dustrial Arts, 1st place 1.

Christy Estes
National Honor Society 3;
French Club 2; Mu Alpha Theta
3; Cosmetology 3.

Paul Lynn Evans
Tennis 2,3,4; *Valhalla*
photographer 1,2,3.

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Spanish Club 1,2,3,4; Football
1 trainer 4.

F

Tammy Fain
Student Council 1,2; Class
secretary 2; Spanish Club 2;
HOCE 4; Volleyball 1,2; Soccer
2,3; FCA 1,2.

Deirdre Ficken
Quill and Scroll 4; Band 2,3;
Who's Who Among American
High School Students 3;
Spanish Club 4; JV Tennis 4;
Sword and Shield 3,4; Junior
Achievement 1,2 president 1.

Bryan Field
Orchestra 1,2,3,4 secretary 4;
Soccer 1; UIL Orchestra Com-
petition, Sweepstakes 1,2,3,4.

Amy Fielding
HOCE 4; HOSA 4.

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National Honor Society 2,3,4;
Mu Alpha Theta 2,3,4; Vikas
2,3,4 Junior representative 3,
captain 4; Student Council 1,2;
Volleyball 1; Baseball manager
4.

Tammy Flowers
Cosmetology 3; VICA 3.

Greg Ford
Football 1,2; Basketball 1,2,3,4.

Kim Foxx
VOE 3,4; OEA vice president 4;
Student Council 4.

Robbie Fry
Coltharpian England-in-
America 4; TRON 3,4 vice
president 4; Band 1,2,3.

G

Karen Gammon
Art Club secretary 4; FCA 4; JV
Tennis 4; Student Council 3;
FHA 1.

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Office Duplications vice presi-
dent 1; CVAE Co-op 1; DECA 1.

Kathleene Garcia
Academic Decathlon 3,4; Mu
Alpha Theta 3,4; French Club
2,3 president 3; Spanish Club
3; Orchestra 1,2,3,4;
Speech/Debate 4; Drama 1;
SWAT 3,4; National Forensic
League 4.

Vernon Garling
Football 2,3,4; Who's Who
Among American High School
Students 3; Latin Club 2,3;
Spanish Club 4.

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National Honor Society 2,3,4;
Mu Alpha Theta 2,3,4; Vikas
3,4 social officer 4; Class vice
president 3; Who's Who Among
American High School
Students 4; Academic All-
American 4; Tennis 2.

Larry Gomez
VICA vice president 4; Football
1,2 trainer 3.

Efren Gonzales
Football 1,3,4.

Ezequiel Gonzales
Football 1,2,3; Baseball 1.

Marilyn Grady
NJROTC 2,3,4 drill team, CDR
3,4, operations officer 4, Honor
Society 1, Area 8 Academic
Competition 4.

Gilbert Granado
Art Club 3,4; Mary White Art
Scholarship, 1st place 4;
Cultural Arts, 3rd place 3,4;
Best Young Artist Award 4.

Tammy Green
Track 1; Vikas 2,3,4; FCA 1;
Basketball manager 4.

Anita Griffin
OEA 3,4; Coltharpian England-
in-America 4.

Elizabeth Grunewald
Volleyball 3,4 Letter 4; Track 4;
FCA 3,4.

James Guenter
Drama 1,2; Speech 1,2; Wood-
shop 3,4; Drafting 3; Building
Trades 4.

Teena Guenther
National Honor Society 4;
Valhalla 2,3; Quill and Scroll
2,3; French Club 2,3; SWAT 4.

H

J. Chris Hall
Spanish Club 1,2; Drafting Club
treasurer 2; Mu Alpha Theta 4.

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Student Council 1; OEA
secretary 3 historian 4.

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Wrestling 1,2,3,4 Class
Wrestler of the Year 1,2,3,
Regional Tournament, 4th 2,
1st 3,1st 4, State Tournament
4th 3, 2nd 4.

Bryan Hart
Coltharpian England-in-
America 4; Mu Alpha Theta 3,4;
National Honor Society 3,4;
Who's Who Among American
High School Students 4.

Becky Murray

Congratulations!
Your accomplishments both
academically and in extracurricular
activities have made us very proud
of you.
Love,
Mom and Rod

Troy Pickett

Hooray! You did it — just like I knew
you would. Don't lose sight of your
dreams.
Love, Mom

Bard Reian

We wish you the very best. Please
come back to America. Love to you
from your American family. God
Bless You!
John and Patty Myers

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We are proud of you and your ac-
complishments. Congratulations to a
wonderful daughter. Stay as sweet as
you are now.
Mom and Dad

Brooke Sumrall

To watch and help you grow has been
a joy and a blessing. You have filled
our hearts with warm memories
and our lives with happiness and
anticipation. We are proud of what
you've been and what you are.
We love you, Lucy!
Dad and Lucy

Tonya Tucker

Tonya,
We are so proud of
you. Keep up the good
work and you will go
far in your chosen
field. We're behind
you all the way. Good
luck and we love you.
Mom, Dad and
Shawwna



Tony Waldroup

We prayed for a normal child,
but we were given a very special one.
Son, you've grown into such a special
young man, so honest, considerate,
hard working, caring, loving
and talented. We're proud to call
you son. Congratulations on a job well
done. Continued success in college.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Chas Wallace



Watching our
little boy
grow into a
fine young
man. Con-
gratulations.
We love you,
Mom, Dad,
Chet and
Casey

Tiffany Williams

We wished for a girl,
and luckily we got it.
Even though your first words
were Gucci and "Charge It!"
But now you're grown,
and the experiences are new.
Just remember honey,
we're so proud of you.
Congratulations and love,
Mom and Dad

Michael Young

Congratulations son. This is not your
first accomplishment, and we know
it will not be your last. We are very
proud of you.
Love you dearly,
Mom and Dad

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Andy Hart
Band 1,2,3,4.

Robert Hastings
Junior Historians 4; HECE 4;
Drama 4.

Cynthia Hatridge
National Honor Society 3; Stu-
dent Council 1,4; Spanish Club
4; Who's Who Among
American High School
Students 4; United States
Business Education Award 4;
Basketball 1,2; United States
Academic Award 4; Senior Play
4.

Timothy Head
Perfect Attendance 2,4.

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Track 1; VOE 2,3,4; FHA 1;
OEA 2,3,4.

Debbie Hendrix
Academic Decathlon 4; Na-
tional Honor Society 2,3,4; Quill
and Scroll 2,3; *Sword and
Shield* 2; Band 1,2,3; All-Region
Band 1,2,3; Mu Alpha Theta 4;
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4; Science Club 4.

Chuck Holle
Mu Alpha Theta 3,4; National
Honor Society 3,4; Band 1,2,3
squad leader 3; Student Coun-
cil 2,4.

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Golf 3,4; Electronics 3; Auto
Mechanics 4; Band 1,2; Who's
Who Among American High
School Students 4.

Del Howard
A Cappella Choir 1,2,3; Or-
chestra 1,2,3,4; Cheerleader 4;
Class treasurer 3; Student
Council 2,4; National Honor
Society 3; Nimitz Singers 4;
Spanish Club 4; All-State Choir
3,4; Who's Who Among
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Students 3,4.

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PELE 3; VEH 1; CVAE 4.

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National Honor Society 2,3,4;
Mu Alpha Theta 2,3,4; Spanish
Club 3; Who's Who Among
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Students 3,4; Society of
Distinguished American High
School Students 3,4; Band
1,2,3,4; Academic All-American
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Academy 4; Outstanding
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Who's Who Among American
High School Students 4; OEA
treasurer 4; VOE 4; French
Club 1.

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Coltharpian England-in-
America 4; HECE 4; Spanish
Club 1,2.

Darrell Ingram
Basketball 1,2,3; Junior
Historians 1; Perfect Atten-
dance 4; Senior Play 4; Senior
Aid 4; National Merit Leader-
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Vikas 1,2,3,4 captain 4;
Volleyball 1; Chorale 1,2,3; All-
Region Choir 1,2; All-Area
Choir 2; German Club 4; PELE
president 4; Coltharpian
England-in-America 4.

Lisa Jerpi
Volleyball 1,2,3,4 Letter 3,4,
captain 2,4, Most Valuable
Player 4; Track 4; FCA 1,2,3,4
president 4; SWAT 4; National
Honor Society 2; Mu Alpha
Theta 4.

Annie John
National Honor Society 2,3,4
treasurer 3; Mu Alpha Theta
2,3,4; TRON 2; Number Sense
2; Science Club 4; Spanish
Club 2,3; Who's Who Among
American High School
Students 4; Outstanding
American Students 4.

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A Cappella Choir 2,3,4; Who's
Who Among American High
School Students 4; Student
Council 3,4; All-Region Choir 1;
TAFE 4; SWAT 3,4.

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Vikas 2,3,4 vice president 4;
National Honor Society 2,3,4;
Mu Alpha Theta 2,3,4; Student
Council 3,4; Spanish Club 4;
FHA treasurer 2; Who's Who
Among American High School
Students 4.

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Valhalla 2,3,4 managing editor
3, section editor 4; Quill and
Scroll president 4; Junior
Achievement vice president 1;
Student Council 4; Who's Who
Among American High School
Students 4; Spanish Club vice
president 4; SWAT 3,4.

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Academic Decathlon 3,4; Na-
tional Honor Society 3,4; Mu
Alpha Theta 3,4; French Club
2,3; SWAT 4; Tennis 1,2; Col-
tharpian England-in-America 4;
Who's Who Among American
High School Students 4.

K

David Kellogg
Theatre Arts 1.

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Choir 2,3; German Club 3.

Darrin Kilsby
Tennis 1,2,3; Golf 4; Spanish
Club historian 2; Physics Club
3,4.

David Kim
National Honor Society 3,4; Mu
Alpha Theta 3,4; French Club
2,3; Track 1; Baseball 1,2;
Basketball 1; Football 1,2,3,4
All-District Honorable Mention
4; Class officer 4; Who's Who
Among American High School
Students 4.

So Young Kim
Student Council 2,3,4 treasurer
3; National Honor Society 2,3,4
vice president 4; Mu Alpha
Theta 2,3,4; Spanish Club 1,2;
Latin Club 2; Academic
Decathlon 4; Orchestra 1,3;
Who's Who Among American
High School Students 4; Ex-
plorers 2,3.

Young Ju Kim
UIL Science, 1st place District
3; National Honor Society 2,3,4;
Mu Alpha Theta 2,3,4; Tennis
2; Who's Who Among
American High School
Students 4; TRON 2,3,4; Latin
Club 3,4; Science Club 4.

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Basketball 1,2,3; Track 1,2;
HECE Co-op vice president 4;
Computer Club 1; VOE Lab 3;
Office Aid 2; Coltharpian
England-in-America 4.

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Mu Alpha Theta 3,4; Volleybal
1,2,3,4; Soccer 1; FCA 1,3,4
vice president 1; Who's Whc
Among American High Schoo
Students 4; All-District
Honorable Mention; Spanish
Club 1; SWAT 4.

Daniel Kirby
Band 1,2,3,4 social chairman 4;
Student Council 4; TRON 4.

Sherry Knight
FHA 1,2; HOCE 4.

L

Denise Lagaretta
Soccer 1,2,3; FHA 1; DECA 4;
Squad team 4.

Shelly Lampkin
DECA 4.

Pam LaVarnway
Volleyball.

Cedric Layton

Mu Alpha Theta 3,4; All-District 4; Track 1,2,3,4 captain 3; Football 1,2,3,4 captain 4; Academic All-American 4.

Natalie Limberg

Valhalla 2,3,4 section editor 3, co-editor 4; Quill and Scroll 2,3,4 officer 4.

Cecil Lindsey

Auto Mechanics 3,4; Football 1.

Robert Llorente

National Honor Society 2,3,4; Mu Alpha Theta 2,3,4; Science Club 4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 4; USBA Business Award 4; Texas Achievement Award 4; National Hispanic Scholar Award 4.

Britt Lorino

Football 1,2; Baseball 1,2,3; Soccer 2; trainer 3; Auto Mechanics 3,4.

Brent Lovelady

National Honor Society 2,3,4; Mu Alpha Theta 2,3,4; Chet Gibbs Award for Best Residential House Plans 2; Who's Who Among American High School Students 4; Perfect Attendance 3,4; United States Achievement Academy Award 4; Outstanding American Student Award 4; Band 1,2,3,4.

Tamra Lyons

Volleyball 1,2,3,4; FCA 2,3,4; Coltharpian England-in-America 4.

M

Amy Marbut

Basketball 1,2; TAFE 3; HERO/FHA 3,4; Spanish Club 2.

Kenneth Mariner

Art Club 4; PTA Art contest, 1st place 3; City Art contest, 2nd place 3; Sci-Fi Art contest, 2nd place 4.

Joe Marzi

ROTC 1,2,3,4 company staff 3,4, drill team 1,2,3,4, drill team commander 4.

Steven Mashman

Quill and Scroll 4; Photography Staff 2,3,4 Photo Editor 4; German Club 2,3 vice president 2,3; Student Council 4.

Donna Mason

Vikas 1,2,4; Student Council 1,2,4; Mu Alpha Theta 3,4; Coltharpian England-in-America 4; Tennis 1.

Keith Mathies

National Honor Society 2,3; Mu Alpha Theta 2,3,4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Student Council vice president 4.

Kim Mattoon

Band 1; ROTC 1,2,3,4.

Eric May

Basketball 3,4 captain 4; Science Club 4; Track 4.

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School Students 3,4; Student
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4, Most Improved Junior 3; Choir
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Alpha Theta 2,3,4; German Club
2,3,4; TRON 3,4; International
Thespian Society, 3 honor bars
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The cover of the *Valhalla* is a durolith process cover with four color photographs and spot color using Marine Blue 12, black screens and blue foil. The theme and spine copy were pressed typed with Goudy Handtooled and Kaufman Script, and *Valhalla* was hand lettered by Dolores Landin of Taylor Publishing Company.

The endsheets are Marine Blue 12 and black screens. Drop in letters on the captions are Goudy Handtooled press type. Goudy Handtooled and Kaufman Script press type are used throughout the theme copy. Marine Blue 12 spot color is also used on the division pages. Microgramma Bold Extended, reversed and screened to 40 percent. Goudy Handtooled and Kaufman Script are used in the Academic section, and Helvetica Medium Outline with a 20 percent screen and Kaufman Script are used in the Student Life section.

The body copy throughout the book is 10 point Melior, also using bold and italic, with 8 point Melior captions. Type for the *Valhalla* was set by Taylor Publishing Company. The indexes were set on Compugraphic Power View 10 and 8216/HR typesetting system at Nimitz High School in Triumvirate faces. The colophon was set in Times faces.

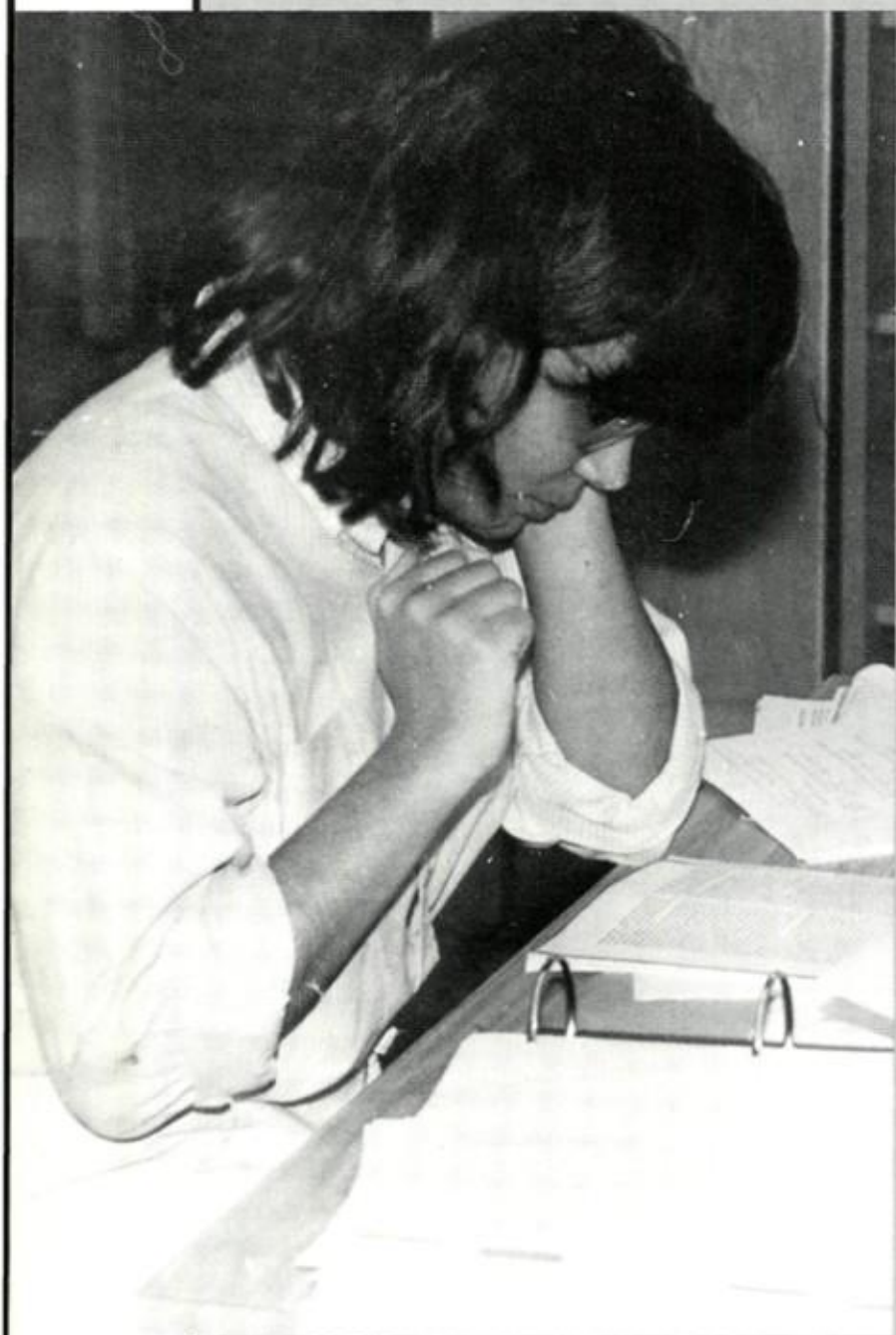
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Being on the Academic Decathlon team meant all a student's regular scheduled assignments plus 4-6 hours of study after school. The Decathlon members proved all their hard work to be rewarding when they placed ninth at the state finals in San Antonio. Chad Windham photo.



Remember When...

... we walked into a yucky green cafeteria and realized that the Blue Wave was gone forever.

... the Academic Decathlon team went to San Antonio and placed ninth in Texas.

... Senior Del Howard brought back the tradition of guy cheerleaders.

... the Vikings came close to the district title in football and soccer.

... the senior play was brought back to life as the seniors put on the production "Cheaper by the Dozen."

... juniors had to pass the TEAMS test in order to graduate.

... a national record for the most successful field goals in one game was set by Junior Clint Parsons.

... Graduation was held at 9 a.m. on a Saturday! (zzz!)

... we realized that the full force of House Bill 72 took effect.

... candy bars went up to 50¢ in the candy machine.

... our teachers were tested to see if they were competent and students had the day off.

... a pecan tree with a Sesquicentennial star base was given to Nimitz as a gift from the senior class.



Although the Seniors of '86 felt they were a class of firsts with new rules and state regulations, they also were the first class to set many new traditions on their school and for future senior classes. Graduation was the main event that the long hours of dedication led up to; although it too was changed to 9 a.m. in the morning for the first time. **Stephaine Mashman photo.**

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PRIDE



Varsity cheerleader Senior Del Howard shows his spirit while cheering at a Friday pep rally. Seniors Darby Adams, Wade Raper and Daniel Nix portray a daughter, son and father in the senior play "Cheaper by the Dozen." Although students grew accustomed to eating beside the Blue Wave, it was repainted. **Carrie Skeen, Chad Windham photos.**

Here's Proof

I think they should have left the Blue Wave wall alone. It was unique. It showed our school spirit. At least before, it was neat and interesting.

Junior Carlita Congemi

They All Reached It

The '85-'86 sports season is finally over. The last ball has been thrown, kicked, hit and caught. For seniors, like everything else, there will be no more playing time. The referees have blown the last whistle. A time out has been called, however, to allow one last look at the season.

The exciting performances of all the Nimitz athletes did not come easily. Hours of long, hot work perfected techniques that might not have won but showed the best of a player's abilities. Summer practices, off-season and spring training were the background of every athlete's performance for without them there would have been no performances.

The pride was a result of the pre-season hopes and attitudes of the players. Every coach that responded to a questionnaire repeatedly mentioned the athletes' dedication. Everyone wants to be the best.

The best was not only reflected in the season records. Many teams played as well as they could and were met with disappointments along the way. The bad times, though, did not keep away the fans. They supported their friends and children at every competition. This included driving through Friday night traffic to watch away games, eating concession stand food and sitting through winds, cold and rain.

Almost every athlete who competed this season fits that description of a confident athlete that is trying to be the best he can be. They went out and strove for perfection. They all reached it. **Story by Lisa Robertson — *Sword and Shield*.**



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The Grit and Pride of the 1985-86 sports season was a test for No Pass-No Play. The No Pass-No Play rule passed the test by the Viking Grit and Pride standard.

Vice-Principal Linda Ivins

Concentrating on the ball, Junior Susan Schoendienst practices her game at an afternoon practice. Freshman Shawn Sutherland practices for an upcoming wrestling meet. Carefully approaching his opponent, Senior Clint Carter aims for a goal. Vikas cheer on their team at a weekend football game. **Steve Mashman photos.**



After five classes and after school practice, track members Juniors Andrea Murphy and Dana Hood push themselves to finish the required laps for practice. The 1985-86 track team was a group of record setters striving for number one. Chad Windham photo.

Watching from the sidelines gave football players a chance to yell for their teammates. In spite of coming short of district, Vikings had unrecorded victories of pride, spirit and team unity to yell about. Chad Windham photo.



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During their fourth period locker cleanout, Freshmen Kim Tipton, Shannon Scott and Sophomore Kim North throw away their nonessential study materials. Locker cleanouts often resulted in the finding of lost textbooks and library books. *Carrie Skeen photo.*

In a scene from the children's play "Raggedy Ann and Andy" Sophomore Jean Jones discusses the whereabouts of Andy with Raggedy Ann. *Andrea Mandley photo.*





The Final Countdown

Count down calendars in the classrooms were marked with red X's. "You will soon be out there in the real world" became a saying too familiar to seniors. It was time to start making plans for the summer and the future. It was the end of the school year.

As school came to a close, it was easy to recall the first of the year. Memories of looking at one's schedule wondering if there would be anyone to talk to in algebra class or if the American history teacher was going to be strict or easy came to mind. Hard work, friends, football games, holiday celebrations and special events made the year fly by. All of the sudden it was time for locker cleanout, turning in textbooks and overdue library books, clearing records, paying fines, semester exams and graduation.

Seniors were faced with the question "What am I going to do with the rest of my life?" while the underclassmen held officer elections.

When the final X was placed on the calendar, the 1985-86 school year was over, but the pride that make Nimitz Number One lingered.

While waiting to have his picture taken Sophomore Kelvin Brown practices cheesing for the camera. Sophomore Jin Hee Choi prepares to go to Germany as a foreign exchange student. Math teacher Doris Renshaw plans to retire after teaching for 18 years. Traveling is on Renshaw's retirement agenda. Kevin Carr, Chad Windham, Candy Smilie photos.

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Thirty years of teaching is enough! I sure hate to leave Nimitz. It's a part of me. The students are what I'll miss the most. I also hate to leave my teacher friends.

Doris Renshaw

In the end, Viking pride was a walk across the stage on a cloudy Saturday morning, singing the school song one last time, moving a tassel from the right to the left and a long walk up the stairs at Texas Stadium where Vice principal Bill McAlister shook hands with Bridgette Dozier and the class of '86. "It was like saying good-bye," McAlister said, "because I might not see these students again. I wanted them to know I appreciated them." Our pride said it all. **Stephanie Mashman** photo.



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